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Graduate Conversation with President Swygert

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

The University's graduate students packed into the Carnegie Building Tuesday night to have a "conversation with President Patrick Swygert" about the different concerns of the graduate schools.

"When I was a student, I thought, 'If I ever had a chance to have a conversation with the president, boy would I have a lot to say to him,'" Swygert said.

He informed the participants that all questions and concerns were welcome; however, he asked three statutes be followed: "Be open...Don't assume I know everything... If I say I will follow-up on something and get back to you, believe I will stand by my word."

Throughout the two-hour discussion, Swygert revealed plans for several new facilities and developments for Howard. As a solution to gradu-

ate students' complaints of 'inefficient research resources for their studies and a lack of communication between the different graduate schools, Swygert proposed that the students get together and petition for a "Grad Center."

"I would say, 'How come with our move in ranking, why don't we have a graduate center?'" Swygert said.

Swygert advised the students to challenge the board members' graduate experiences. "I want, at a minimum, what you had when you were seeking your Ph.D. at those respectable universities," he said.

The president even went as far as to suggest the home for the new center be the building next to the Mordecai Johnson Administration Building. Miner Hall has recently been restored, but decisions have not been made as to what the building will become.

"I would say, 'I want that building,'" Swygert said.

When a mathematics major asked Swygert if more space for the mathematics department was possible, Swygert not only replied that it was possible but that the plans were in the making, along with a new freshman male residence hall. Currently, most freshmen males reside in Drew Hall. Swygert disclosed that the final presentation for a new academic building to be constructed in place of the old Women's Gymnasium would be made at the next Board of Trustees meeting this week. The building will be built with sub-levels that will have classrooms dedicated to the Mathematics Department. He did not say what would be done with Drew Hall.

"The president and the board [of trustees] is aware of the needs and concerns of the graduate community," Graduate Trustee Miesha Darrough said. "This is one reason for the construction projects." Many students

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Patrick Jackson- Staff Photographer

Graduate students were able to express their concerns with President Swygert Tuesday night.



Many protesters flooded the streets of downtown D.C. while the inauguration was in progress.

Bush's Second Inauguration

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

In the first inaugural address of the post Sept. 11 world, President George W. Bush was sworn in as commander-in-chief for the second time yesterday. Standing before a crowd of more than 100,000, Bush pledged to "expand freedom" around the world and to build an "ownership society" here at home.

"We are led by events and

common sense, to one conclusion: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands," Bush said. "The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world."

After hitting on the foreign policy themes for his upcoming term, Bush talked about his vision for America over the next

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First Snow Day of the Year



Patrick Jackson- Staff Photographer

As classes were starting Wednesday morning, the snow also began to fall, closing school at three o'clock. Students took advantage of the free time to enjoy the snow.

BLAGOSAH Unsatisfied With Changes

BY AYESHA RACOE
Campus Editor

When a Howard student was allegedly attacked by members of the Showtime Marching Band in 2002 for being a homosexual, various members of the Howard community called for the university to make changes addressing the safety and relations between all members of the student body.

In response to these requests, the administration began sensitivity training for the campus police department and other campus workers, according to Chris Bolden-Newsome, a member of Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Gays Organization of Students (BLAGOSAH) at Howard.

BLAGOSAH was one of the organizations that spearheaded protests against the University after the incident. Bolden-Newsome, who was vice president of BLAGOSAH at the time of the attack, also said that the university set up a liaison through campus police who specifically deals with discrimination and crimes against gays and lesbians.

Now, two years have passed since the incident occurred and some students, like Bolden-Newsome, question whether enough has been done.

"I think the sensitivity training should have been campus wide," Bolden-Newsome said. A current advisory board member for BLAGOSAH, Bolden-Newsome feels if the assault had occurred on another university's campus, such as Georgetown or American, more lasting changes would have been made. However, he feels that the university's actions are indicative of Black America in general. "Howard is not really moving any slower than the rest of the Black community," Bolden-Newsome said.

Duane Howard, president of BLAGOSAH, agreed with Bolden-Newsome that sensitivity training should go on throughout the university. "I would like

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Students Weary of Bush's Second Presidential Term



Some Howard Students are concerned about the losing government assisted financial aid during President Bush's second term.

BY MICHELLE J. NEALY
Contributing Writer

Many Americans want an end to the U.S. occupation in Iraq and American troops sent home. Others want a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Some want to see Clarence Thomas serve as a Supreme Court Justice, while even more are interested in seeing the Bush administration pass legislation that strengthens the economy, revitalizes the school system and increases affordable housing.

While millions of people are looking for President George W. Bush to do something, it seems that few within the Howard community are looking forward to spending another four years waiting.

Students on Howard's cam-

pus find it hard to get excited over a president that refused invitations to speak on BET and for the NAACP, prior to the November election to address the issues that affect African-Americans.

Mercii Thomas, a sophomore psychology major, feels that things will only get worse with Bush as president.

"If you look down Georgia Avenue, you can see people being moved out of their neighborhoods because they can't afford to pay the rent," Thomas said. "I hope that [in the next four years] Bush will do something to increase the amount of affordable housing in urban communities."

Even some students who gravitate toward the right hand of the political spectrum are doubtful that Bush will help

the African-American community. Sophomore political science major Rochee Jeffrey, a Republican, does not have any high aspirations for the Bush administration in relation to African-Americans and his urban agenda.

"I think the situation concerning African-Americans will possibly improve over the next four years if [African-Americans] make an intrinsic change," Jeffrey said. "It will not matter what Bush changes in the White House."

Barbara Johnson, a sophomore political science major and Democrat, predicts that life for Black Americans will worsen over the next four years.

"There are more Black people that are losing their jobs,

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Do you understand the RSVP Housing Policy?



Niishippi Quaynor
Junior
Finance major

"Yeah, you pay your \$200 and sign up, first come first serve."



Marika Taylor
Junior
Radio, TV, Film

"Yeah [I understand it] for the most part. I've participated in the program for one year, it's pretty easy once you pay the deposit."



Errin Simpkins
Senior
Psychology Major

"I think the program is fair and being a senior I'm pretty familiar with it. I would have been informed last year but my RA failed to give us the info. It's better than freshmen year when people were living in hotels."



Curtis Harrington
Senior
Finance

"I understand the process, I believe it's fair, not like my Sophomore year when it was first come first serve, now its on a point system, so it holds you accountable for what you do on campus."

Photos by Marlene Hawthorne

Vizion Performance Team Hosts Two-Dollar Tuesday

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Vizion Performance Team hosted its first Two Dollar Tuesday Workshop on Jan. 18th in Blackburn Ballroom.

The workshop attracted approximately 20 dancers, after having a very visible first semester with performances at major events such as the Mr. and Ms. Howard Pageant and half-time performances at football and basketball games.

Natasha Boler, a freshmen international business major said, "I came out tonight because I used to dance in high school and I lost track of that when I first got to college. I have seen them dance a couple of times and I thought they were very good. Tonight was very productive. I feel like I got back in to the groove of dance."

The workshop, like the team

itself, attracted people who have all levels of dance training.

The Vizion team helped all in attendance to feel comfortable and make sure everyone was having fun.

"They taught well and they spread out the dancers so that everyone could get a chance. They also accommodated many levels of dance training. The dance wasn't hard. It had some challenging parts, but it was doable," said sophomore math and psychology major Katie Chipungu. "They taught it well, so that everyone could get it and then they answered questions so that if you didn't get it, you could try to understand. I plan on going back, because the dance class was inviting and the dance was fun to do."

In addition to learning the routine, the workshop was an opportunity for those interested in auditioning to see how the

team operates.

Executive director for Vizion, Veronica-Marche Miller, a senior journalism major said,

"The cool thing about the team is that we have people from all around the country. The other thing is that we have dancers from all different levels. I think that's what makes us unique compared to a lot of dance teams in general. There are no pre-requisites, you just have to love hip-hop, love dancing, and love performing."

The workshop was also an opportunity for those interested in joining Vizion to see how different the team is compared to other dance groups on campus.

Vizion choreographer Gena George, a senior film major said, "We are a new organization and we are strictly made up of, run by [and] filled with students.

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Marlene Hawthorne, Staff Photographer

Vizion Dance team hosted an open workshop for two dollars for students to brush up on their dance moves.

Student Profile: Justin Siplin

BY ANDREA J. HILL
Contributing Writer

Eve, Karl Kani, Russell Simmons, Jennifer Lopez and Sean "Puffy" Combs have made a name for themselves in the fashion industry. They also have one vacant seat left in their court of royal fashion. Justin Siplin has just filled this vacancy. "I want to etch out a new genre meshing the two worlds of 'skater' and hip-hop," Siplin said.

He admires clothing lines like Prada, Sean John, Issey Miyake, Etnies and Stussy. Justin has had an interest in fashion since middle school. His drive to pursue his idea was inspired by the music industry, being from southern California and seeing different styles. He got more focused in his interest and began designing when he arrived on Howard's campus.

January of 2004 marked the birth of IKON and ENVI. Justin was interested in creating a unique clothing line whose roots were in urban hip-hop and skater suburban wear.

"When I think of IKON, I think of something big that has its place in the clothing industry," Siplin said. "It means longevity, something that's remembered and not forgotten. It makes its mark in history." IKON is Siplin's male clothing line and ENVI is the women's rendition of IKON.

"ENVI is softer, sexier and sophisticated," he said. Justin explained that he came up with name ENVI by watching the envious eyes that Howard women give each other when one has on something appealing. "It's something in their eye," said Justin, who wants the same reaction when a female is wearing ENVI.

Although Siplin is the CEO, head designer and sole financial backer of IKON and ENVI, he does not run this business alone. He has manufacturers in Los Angeles, New York, and the D.C. metropolitan area. The IKON Team, who assists Siplin, is a group of "innovative, talented, fly and stylish" Howard students that were hand picked by Justin because of their "work ethic, style and drive."

"We're not in it for profit right now, we're in it for making a good product, getting our name out there and getting established. The team consists of Brandon Daniels, Bryan Huges, Julian Guiles, Cara Brown, Amos Nugen, Malarie Matlock and Marcy Rogers.

Not only is IKON trying to change the



Mark King, Staff Photographer

Interested in fashion since middle school, Justin Siplin launched his own clothing line, IKON, in January 2004.

fashion industry, but it's also trying to make a difference in the community. "We're working on helping out with the STD epidemic, especially on campus, and the local areas that we sell our clothes," Justin said. The IKON team plans on partnering with AIDS organizations and various clinics by creating T-shirts that will express AIDS awareness.

The plan for the IKON team is to start on college campuses and make IKON the "hottest thing that college students are buying." They eventually plan on sponsoring new artists, athletes or anyone in the entertainment industry, and have events with production agencies. "Our big-time dream is to turn this into a large company and become one of the powerful players in the fashion industry where we start dictating what's hot and what's not," Siplin said.

Senioritis Catching Up With Some Students

BY COURTNEY MAYE
Contributing Writer

Senioritis is a common condition among students in their last year of undergraduate instruction. Its symptoms include the utterance of "I can't wait to get out of here," the anxiety of leaving an intimate, understanding and nurturing community and the realization that Howard is a safety net that one must soon depart from.

Graduating senior, film advertising major Duran Brown defines senioritis as the worry of what is to come. According to him, its symptoms include the anxiety of leaving behind the familiar.

"I feel I have more of a real world experience than other people so I'm ready," Brown said. Others preparing to graduate do not feel so ready, however.

Senior film major Trevor Atkins said the only seniors that can warrant a reason to be afraid of what is outside of the walls of Howard are the ones who have

goofed off and have not prepared themselves. "I've worked [hard]," Atkins said. "My brain is overworked and I'm ready to go."

Dr. Eleanor King, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, suggests that graduating seniors feel overwhelming pressure to know exactly what they are going to be pursuing once they graduate college. "The anxiety part would be taken away if students realize that they don't have to commit themselves to one path," King said.

Dr. Marion E. Hines, an assistant professor in the French Language and Linguistics Department, compares the road leading up to graduation to a marathon. "A lot of students lose it at the end," Hines said. "The finish line is so close and then a wall comes down. The key to getting over the wall and to the finish line is finding the personal courage, strength and

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file photo

As the end draws near some seniors are becoming apprehensive about life after Howard, while others feel ready to enter the real world.

A Moment in Howard's History: Protests During '60s

BY TOYNETT N. HALL
Contributing Writer

The protests and demonstrations of the late 60s that occurred on Howard University's campus captured the social and political unrest of that time. Howard students would hold sit-ins, send out petitions and organize protests to get their voices heard and demands met.

In one 1975 edition of The Hilltop, an article entitled, "Students Fired Up," reported an incident of disgruntled students taking over the administration building in an attempt to upgrade the quality of student services. The article indicated that students were unsatisfied with the level of service deeming it to be "grossly inadequate."

Three decades have passed, and the problem of deficient customer and student services still distress the student body of Howard University.

According to Dominique Askew a sophomore, biology major, "The student is not the priority. There is no one to one connection, and you are treated as if you are a number and a dollar amount."

Most students share Askew's sentiments, but others feel that if you accept less, you'll receive less. According to James Hogue a sophomore marketing major, "People accept the way things are. They accept a lower standard instead of trying to make things better."

Jeffrey Stone, a junior physical therapy major, said, "Students do a whole lot of complaining and don't take much action."

The students of the 60s era were galvanized to cause change within their society. Some view the students of today as apathetic and lazy. According to Vincent Sherry, a sophomore print journalism major, "We're

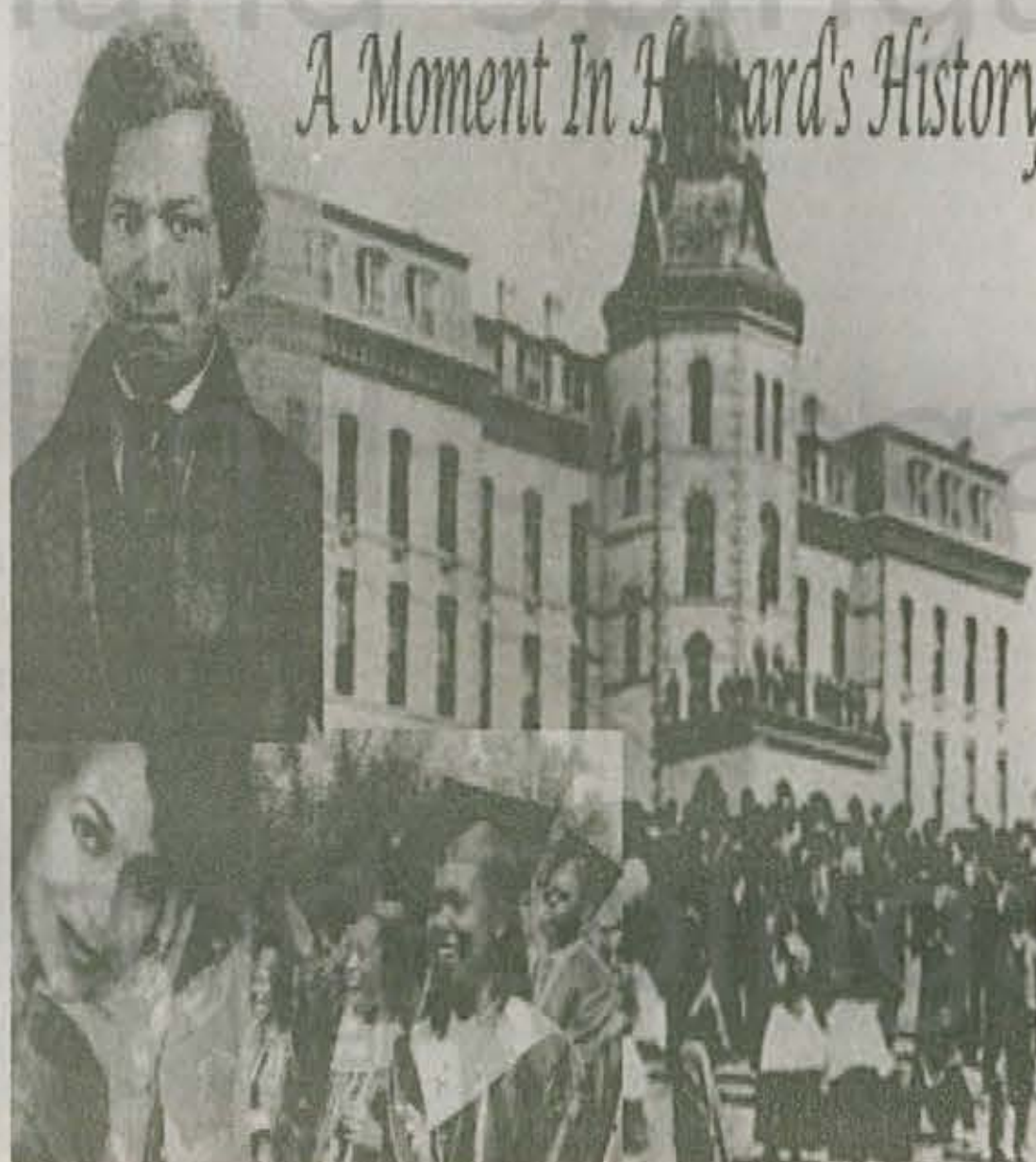
growing up in a more conservative time, the problems are different. I think the nature of the country back then caused people to be more proactive on campus about the issues dealing with the personnel."

Other students view the hardship they encounter here at Howard to be an invaluable experience. According to Afolabi Adeleke-Adedoyin, a first year graduate student in the school of computer science and engineering said, "Howard trains people for the inconsistency in life."

Howard University's administration and personnel recognize that there can be improvements made within the system to provide competent customer and student services.

To aid in the reformation of the customer service facilitated by University employees, President Swygert created the plan "The Strategic Framework

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Advancing HIV Prevention at Howard University

BY SHALEEM THOMPSON
Contributing Writer

The Student Health Center was awarded the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Development grant for more than \$250 million to implement a Routine Rapid HIV Testing program on campus.

"The ultimate objective of this program is to identify new infections and get them into comprehensive health care and prevention counseling as well as provide them with medical help," said Associate Director of the Student Health Center Dr. Lynette Munday.

Before actual testing begins, the Student Health Center will host student focus groups where students will provide information to help determine the best places on campus to have testing sites.

"The focus groups are very necessary since they will allow us to know how

to market this project giving us ideas such as where and how we should set up the testing areas around campus," said Project Manager Ada Babino.

Babino is also hoping that the visible testing centers will help students feel more comfortable with the disease and thereby encourage them to get tested. "[We hope to] dispel the stigma attached to AIDS so that everyone can understand that they are all at risk and it is very important that this message gets out and that the people understand the urgency of getting tested," Babino said.

While many students are not yet aware of the project, some believe it would be beneficial to the campus as a whole. "Campus-wide testing centers is a good idea since you are provided with more options," said Alicia Cooper,

a freshman international business major. "This disease is terrible and we should do everything to ensure that it is prevented and controlled."

Other students feel that making testing more accessible is an important step in diagnosing more cases. "Making this service more available to people is a good idea and I think that they would get a great response since the Health Center is in an inconvenient location," said man Joanne fresh-Yearwood.

In addition to the student focus groups, the Student Health Center is also planning events to make the topic of sexual health as prominent on campus as possible, such as a forum on

Valentine's Day called Sex Matters where students can openly discuss relationship and sexual issues. Health Center administrators want to ensure that students are knowledgeable about this deadly disease.

Dr. Munday thinks that although the Health Center is working to educate students, more groups should get involved.

"I think it is very important that the leadership at Howard gets involved like the sororities, fraternities and athletics since students tend to follow them," Munday said.

The focus groups are tentatively set to begin the week of Jan. 17 and generate ideas for testing locations in time to begin testing on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Informational Day on Feb 7. The Student Health Center is hoping to reach its goal of testing 1,500 students by the end of the school year.

Bison Briefs

Hale This Week's Chapel Speaker

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, from Georgia's Ray of Hope Christian Church, will be delivering the service for chapel Sunday. The Ray began 17 years ago with four people meeting for Bible Study. It has grown to a congregation of about 3,500 members. Hale is originally from Roanoke, Va. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hollins College in Virginia. She then received a Masters of Divinity degree from Duke University, and a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary. She also holds three honorary Doctorate degrees.

90 Years old and still serving

The Moorland-Springarn Research Center is celebrating its 90th year. It is located in Founders Library and holds numerous bound volumes, journals, manuscripts, tapes, artifacts, maps and historic sheet music and photographs. Treasured items such as the 1867 Howard Board of Trustees meeting minutes and a letter from Langston Hughes can be found in this historical building. MSRC is a monumental research center that holds much information for African-Americans.

Be One Of The Lucky 1550

Acceptance of students' advanced payment of \$200 for housing for the Fall 2005 semester will begin Monday, Jan. 24, 2005. Only the first 1550 people are guaranteed housing for next semester. After that, payments will be accepted, but the students will then be put on a waiting list. The payments will be accepted in the Cashier's office in the Administration Building beginning at 8 a.m.

FRESHMEN SPEAK: What did you do for your first Howard snow experience?

"I loved the snow. It kind of sparkled. But I didn't play in it, I just watched it fall from my bedroom window."

-Xavier Jones, biology

"My friend and I liked the way it felt under our feet, so we walked only on the fresh snow."

-Jaquetta Woods, physician assistant

"I was sick when it snowed, so I wasn't tempted to go outside. Plus, I grew up around snow, so it wasn't new to me like everybody else."

-Wynnel Wilson, jazz studies

"It wasn't that good snowball fight snow. I just made a snow angel and went inside."

-Jazmine Reed, nursing

"It was like every other snow experience."

-Vauneeka Lynch, business management

"My friends and I tried to sled down the hills in the valley on lunch trays, but the snow hadn't stuck enough."

-Jackie Burnett, nursing

"I was in class the entire time it was snowing. By the time I got out, it had stopped, so I was a little disappointed. It did save me from a Spanish quiz though."

-Ashley Trent, chemistry

"I hate snow. It's wet and cold."

-James McCaul, undecided

"First, I called my mom and told her I was walking in the snow, as I tried to step in all the fresh spots. I wanted the snow to just fall in my hair so I could shake it out, but I didn't want my hair to frizz."

-Deirdre Waters, biology

"Well, I'm used to the snow, but being here gave me the chance to rediscover my inner-child because I got to play in the snow with people who had never seen it before."

-Brittany Williams, theatre arts

"My floor and I went out at about midnight to have a snow fight in the Quad's courtyard. Then we joined some people in the valley for a boys vs. girls [snowball fight]. It was really fun."

-Caniesha Gardener, nursing

Compiled by Christina Wright

Word Cypher Creates Big Crowd



Omari Degoove does what he does best, flowing, at the SUNI TRIBE Showcase Tuesday in Blackburn. The rap/spoken word cypher was like no other; it included artists such as Q Boogie, Messiah, J Black, ShaK-C, and many others.

Photo of the Week



Protesters with hand-crafted signs and intense voices, police stationed at every intersection and streets blocked off rerouting traffic and pedestrians, it's Inauguration Day in the District. This photo depicts the difficulty of being a photographer in the face of opposition: "NO PICTURES PLEASE!"

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Rice Expected to be Confirmed as Powell's Replacement

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

Despite grueling and sometimes confrontational hearings in the Senate this week, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is expected to be confirmed by Congress to replace Colin Powell as Secretary of State. Rice was grilled by senators about the ongoing strife in Iraq, North Korea's reluctance to give up its nuclear weapons program, and how she plans to engage the Bush administration more in the Middle East Peace process.

In her opening statement Tuesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rice signaled that the Bush administration will seek more of an internationalist tone with its foreign policy in the second term, saying twice that "the time for democracy is now," as well as promising to help "spread freedom and democracy throughout the globe."

"We must use American diplomacy to help create a balance of power in the world that favors freedom," Rice said.

Despite her assertions, democrats remained skeptical and tried several times to pin Rice on deficiencies with the Bush Administration's Iraq Policy. The hearings turned especially tense when Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif) challenged Rice aggressively on statements she made as national security advisor during the run up to the Iraq War. Boxer accused Rice of misusing intelligence to build public support for the war. The senator stopped short of actually calling Rice a liar, but said enough to prompt Rice to defend herself vigorously. "Senator, I have to say that I have never, ever lost respect for the truth in the service of anything. It is not my nature. It is not my character," Rice said. "And I would hope that we can have this conversation and discuss what happened before...and what I said without impugning my credibility or my integrity."

Rice admitted that there are some problems in Iraq, but refused to say the war was a mistake. "The situation in Iraq was always going to have ups and downs. I'm sure that we have multiple, many decisions, some of which were good, some of which might not have been good...we didn't have the right skills, the right capacity to deal with a reconstruction effort of this kind, but the strategic decision to overthrow Saddam Hussein was the right one," Rice said. "I know enough about history to stand back and rec-



Rice is one of President Bush's most trusted advisors in the War on Terrorism.

ognize that you judge decisions not in the moment, but how it all adds up. It's how Iraq turns out that ultimately matters."

Democrats were still unhappy with Rice's responses and continued to criticize the Bush Administration's handling of the war. "Instead of seizing the opportunity, it seems to me Dr. Rice, you have danced around it and, sort of, stuck to the party line, which seems pretty consistent: You're always right, you never made any mistakes, you're never wrong," said Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) To that, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) added, "We went to rescue Iraq from Saddam Hussein," Kerry said. "Now I think we have to rescue our policy from ourselves."

In total, Rice was questioned for eleven hours, nine on Tuesday and two on Wednesday. After Wednesday's hearing, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 16 to two in favor of nominating Rice to head the state department. Kerry and Boxer were the two dissenting votes. Rice is expected to get a quick confirmation next week from the entire senate, and once confirmed will become the first African-American woman to serve as secretary of state.

Supporters of Rice, who is a for-



Rice is expected to take the office of Secretary of State, which was held by Collin Powell.

mer provost of Stanford University, say her background will help her tread the sometimes unstable waters of American diplomacy. They note her upbringing in the segregated South, despite which she was able to enter college at the age of 15. Rice went on to earn a doctorate in international affairs by 26. She served in the Cabinet of President George H.W. Bush as a soviet expert. Rice became the National Security Advisor for President Bush in 2001, after tutoring him on international policy during the 2000 campaign.

Excerpts From Rice's Testimony

On The Failure to Find WMD's In Iraq and Dealing With Saddam

Saddam Hussein was a threat, yes, because he was trying to acquire weapons of mass destruction. And, yes, we thought that he was, that he had stockpiles, which he did not have. We had problems with the intelligence. We are all, as a collective polity of the United States, trying to deal with ways to get better intelligence.

But it wasn't just weapons of mass destruction...his [Hussein's] territory was a place where terrorists were welcomed, where he paid suicide bombers to bomb Israel, where he had used Scuds against Israel in the past, and so we knew what his intentions were in the region...it was the total picture, not just weapons of mass destruction, that caused us to decide that post-September 11th, it was finally time to deal with Saddam Hussein.

On An Exit Strategy For Iraq

What we need is a success strategy, not an exit strategy. And that is a very good way to talk about it. The success here is going to be that Iraqis are in charge of their own future and recognize that it is really up to them to make that future, one that is inclusive of all of the divisions that have bedeviled Iraq, that we have given them the capability to defend themselves, principally from internal insurgency, but also to give them the ability that their neighbors will understand that Iraq is a stable place, that it is a unified Iraq. I can't give a timeline, but I think we will know when the Iraqis are able to have in place institutions, no matter how fragile and no matter how young, where they are actually beginning to try to solve their own problems within those institutions...they may need the help of multinational forces for a while, but ultimately, Iraqis have to be willing to defend and fight for their own freedom.

On Reaching a Peace Agreement in the Middle East

Much has changed since June 24, 2002, when President Bush... spoke the truth about what would be required to end this conflict. Now we have reached a moment of opportunity, and we must seize it. We take great encouragement from the elections just held in the Palestinian territories...America seeks justice and dignity and a viable, independent and democratic state for the Palestinian people. We seek security and peace for the state of Israel...Arab states must join to help and deny any help or solace to those who take the path of violence. I look forward to personally working with Palestinian and Israeli leaders and bringing American diplomacy to bear on this difficult but crucial issue. Peace can only come if all parties choose to do the difficult work.

On Ending North Korea's Nuclear Ambitions

North Korea is a very dangerous power and one that has been intent on seeking weapons of mass destruction, and particularly nuclear weapons...It [North Korea] is not something that the United States wants to have to do unilaterally. It is something that we are much better off doing with South Korea, with Japan, with Russia, and most especially with China, which is playing an important role, and it needs to continue to play an active role...We have made clear to the North Korean regime that the president of the United States has said, and that the United States has no intention to attack North Korea, to invade North Korea, that multilateral security assurances would be available to North Korea...if North Korea is prepared to give up its nuclear weapons program verifiably and irreversibly.

Portions of the above statements were provided to The Hilltop courtesy of The Washington Post.

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World Urged to Cancel Africa's Debt

BY KEVIN HARRIS
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Gordon Brown, the treasury chief for Great Britain, is urging all wealthy nations to cancel Africa's debts, saying the debt is keeping future generations of Africans poor.

Speaking in South Africa before a conference of more than a dozen African finance ministers, as well as representatives from Canada, Brown urged wealthy nations to set a policy aimed at raising the amount of aid money given to African nations. "African people know that it has been necessary to be patient, but 150 years is too long to ask any peoples to ask for justice," Brown said.

"Justice promised will forever be justice denied unless we remove from this generation the burden of debt incurred by past generations."

Brown said one way the global community could help Africa is to encourage more nations to sign on to the "International Finance Facility," which is an initiative designed to double the amount of aid rich countries give to Africa from the current level of \$50 billion a year.

The extra money, according to Brown, would help to reduce poverty in Africa as well as send more children to school. Brown pointed out that at current aid levels, it will take Africa until 2130 to enroll 100 million children in school and reducing poverty by only half would not happen until 2150.

Brown was careful to not only talk about helping Africa.



Gordon Brown, the Treasury Chief for Great Britain, says that wealthy nations should pay more attention to Africa and other poor countries.

In a move to show his country was willing to actually help poor Africans, Brown announced Britain's own initiative to aid the continent. "United Kingdom has announced from now until 2015 we will take responsibility for our share of the debt owed by 70 countries who qualify," Brown said. In addition to Britain's new initiative, Brown said he has met with International Monetary Funds officials in hopes of persuading them to use gold reserves to pay the debts of Africa and other poor nations.

Brown's calls for a debt-

free Africa comes on the heels of a report from the United Nations saying the world could end global poverty in 20 years if wealthy nations adopt a strategy calling on them to double the aid they give to poor nations. "What we are proposing is a strategy of investment to help empower the lives of very poor people that lack the tools and sometimes even the basic means to stay alive, much less be productive members of a fast-paced world economy," said Professor Jeffrey Sachs to MSNBC.com. Sachs, a professor of health policy and manage-



President Bush has pledged over \$20 billion in aid for poor countries in his 2006 budget.

ment at Columbia University, is the lead author of the report as well as the head of the U.N.'s anti-poverty effort. Sachs said poor nations are not getting the help they need because wealthy nations have too many other priorities. "The system is not working right now, let's be clear," he said.

"There is a tremendous imbalance of focus on the issues of war and peace, and less on the dying and suffering of the poor who have no voice."

The voice is needed particularly in Africa, where Sachs says the extra aid could prevent 150,000 children from dying of malaria each month.

The report also said that 1 billion people around the world live on less than one dollar a day. Furthermore, the report noted that only 11 of the 22 richest nations need to increase their aid amounts for the goal of eradicating poverty to be met. "Our generation for the first time in human his-

tory really could see to it that extreme poverty on the planet is ended, not just by half but ended by the year 2025," Sachs said. "We are not asking for one new promise from any country in the world, only the follow-through on what has already been committed."

President Bush has pledged \$22.3 billion in aid to poor nations in 2006. To meet the reports goal, Bush would have to more than double that amount to \$54.6 billion.

FDA Reconsidering the Sale of Plan B Without a Prescription

BY SHANNON RUSSELL
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The government is considering reversing an earlier decision made by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which would make the morning after pill available to women without a prescription. The impending decision has already caused a flurry of activity from groups in support of and against making the pill available over-the-counter.

Women from New York to Florida protested this month against an earlier decision made in May by the FDA, in which the agency decided to stop issuing the morning after pill, also known as Plan B, without a prescription.

The decision was made by Steven Galson, the director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, despite an advisory panel of experts who told him the pill could be safely sold without a prescription. Nine women were arrested outside the doors of the Health and Human Services building in Rockville, Md. for protesting against the decision.

The protesters sought to

speak with Galson. However, officials said that he was not available to meet with the women and, instead, offered to let them speak with Deputy Commissioner Janet Woodcock. Protesters refused the offer, insisting to speak with Galson. Shortly after, Maryland police arrested the demonstrators for blocking the building's entrance and charged them with disorderly conduct.

"Women's reproductive rights shouldn't hinge on someone else's schedule. We should have this at our fingertips," said Kelly Mangan. Mangan is the president of the University of Florida's chapter of the National Organization for Women, as well as one of the nine women arrested for protesting outside of the FDA's Maryland headquarters. "It should be next to condoms in drug stores," she said.

Others who, like Mangan, support over-the-counter sales of the pill, say making it more accessible to women will prevent thousands of unwanted pregnancies and abortions. Opponents claim the pill will encourage unsafe sex, particularly among teenage girls who may feel freer to have unprotected sex if they



know a pill is available to them that will eliminate pregnancy.

"It encourages risky sexual activity with the promise 'just pop a pill in the morning and you don't need to worry about pregnancy,'" said Wendy Wright who works for a conservative group called Concerned Women of America, which focuses on social issues regarding women.

"What we're concerned about is a number of young people who are not engaged in sexual activity who feel tremendous pressure, and this will only add to the pressure that is on them,"

she said.

The morning after pill is an emergency contraceptive that protects against pregnancy after unprotected sexual intercourse. However, officials warn the pill does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases. The pill can be used when a condom breaks, after a sexual assault, or any time unprotected sexual intercourse occurs. Studies show the pill works best if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. If a woman is already pregnant, the pill has no effect. The morning after pill is a higher dose of

a birth control pill and works by blocking a fertilized egg from implanting into a woman's uterus.

Howard University women were also split on this issue. "I think that they should sell the abortion pill over-the-counter because you never know what can happen to a female," said Liana Jones, a sophomore accounting major.

Geneka Gray, a senior psychology major agrees. "I do not think that you should have to have a prescription for the pill. It is better to have the pill more accessible to prevent a pregnancy," she said.

"The morning after pill should be sold over-the-counter because everyone does not have the money or resources to see a doctor, and if the pill is sold over-the-counter, then it should be used responsibly."

However, Jacquie Powers, a former business major disagrees. "You should have a prescription because people will start using it as a form of birth control which is not only unethical, but damaging to a woman's body," she said. "People who are not well-educated may not know the effects of the pill and will

abuse it."

Though the FDA has decided not to sell the pill over-the-counter, it has deemed the pill safe and effective, with no long-term effects on a woman's health. Also, a short-term study conducted by researchers in San Francisco determined women who took the morning after pill were no more likely to have unprotected sex than those who used other contraceptives. The study also ruled that easy access to the pill could prevent unwanted pregnancies. According to Guttmacher Institute, "About half of the 6.3 million pregnancies every year in the United States are unintended, and more than half of those end in abortion."

The FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation is preparing to rule later this month on a second application by Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the company that manufactures the pill, to make Plan B more accessible. In their new proposal, the company says it wants to allow the pill to be sold to females over the age of 16 without a prescription, but consent will still be needed for those under 18.

New Burn Tactic: Hot Sauce to Punish

BY DANYELLE HADAWAY
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We have all heard of the saying "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Well, this old adage has been revamped by some parents into "Spare the hot sauce and spoil the child" as many parents are using this fiery liquid to punish their unruly children.

The practice has been named hot saucing by psychologists and entails a parent prying open a child's mouth each time their child is unruly, and pouring hot sauce on the child's tongue, letting it burn until the little one confesses their lies or apologizes for acting up.

In most cases, hot saucing is generally used in cases where a child misbehaved using their mouths. Examples include talking back to adults, lying, biting, swearing, refusing to eat, or spitting on people. Research shows that the practice has roots in Southern culture and has recently begun to spread to other regions of the country.

The practice has become so widespread, that some childcare officials are coming forward to warn parents about the potential dangers of punishing a child in this manner. In the most extreme cases, specialists say hot saucing may cause a child physical harm, trigger unknown allergies, or possibly lead to a choking death.

"Hot sauce can burn a child's esophagus and cause the tongue to swell, making it a potential choking hazard," said family therapist Carleton Kendrick to The Washington Post.

Kendrick said parents who try to rationalize hot saucing by saying things like they



Psychologist have warned that using hot sauce to punish children may cause physical and psychological trauma.

only use small amounts to punish their children, are still wrong and should stop. "There are many different kinds of hot sauce on the market, and parents who say they know the dilution to use so it won't sting, or say they only use one drop, are wrong," he said. "It is done because it hurts, it stings, it burns, and it makes you nauseous."

Kendrick added, "There is no room for pain and humiliation and fear in disciplining healthy children. I think it is a rather barbaric practice to say the least."

Despite condemnation from some childcare advocates, some very prominent sup-

porters of hot saucing have come forward and are speaking publicly in favor of parents using the tactic to punish a child. Actress Lisa Welchel, star of the 1980s sitcom "Facts of Life," says she regularly uses hot saucing on her children. In an interview earlier this year with ABC's Good Morning America, Welchel, now a stay at home mom, defended the practice. "For lying or other offenses of the tongue, I spank my kids tongue. I put a tiny dab of hot sauce on my finger and dab it onto my child's tongue," she said. "It

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Students Split on if Gays Should Adopt

BY MERCEDES WHITE
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The Supreme Court made a decision earlier this month not to hear an appeals case challenging a Florida law banning same-sex couples from adopting foster children. The high courts decision to ignore the case means that the Florida law will stand, leaving in place a two to one ruling from the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals banning gay adoptions.

In its ruling, the 11th Circuit Court said Florida's interest in encouraging adoption by heterosexual couples was valid and that homosexuals do not have a constitutional right to adopt children, therefore, the Florida law could be viewed as being legal.

Florida's law against gay adoptions is the only one of its kind in the nation. The ruling was a blow to gay rights activists across the country, who were hoping the Supreme Court would rule in their favor of this issue as the court did two years ago, when it ruled against a Texas law banning sex between homosexuals. The decision to ban homosexuals from adopting children has enraged many Howard students who feel homosexuals should be granted equal rights.

"I don't think the law is fair and, beyond fair, I don't think it is plausible because people need parents," said senior sociology major Casselle Smith. "...If these people are willing and want to raise children, then I don't see why they shouldn't. It is not like studies show that gay parents make for gay children. I think that it is silly." Smith

added, "If the screening is that narrow then I would think there would be a lot of children without homes and they would be in foster care and that's by no means healthy."

While some on Howard's campus were outraged, others thought the Florida law was valid. "... If you have two fathers or two mothers, it's not really a family because a family unit is usually a father and a mother. I really don't think it's natural," said Marcus Bird, a junior business major. "I think, psychologically, maybe it's a problem if you have a lot of gay adoptions."

Child psychiatrist Dr. Janice Hutchinson, who works for the Howard University Mental Health Clinic, said there is no data to support the view held by some who say gay adoptions will psychologically scar children. "So far, studies do not reflect any emotional problems different than those found in kids growing up in non-gay parent families," she said.

A policy statement released by the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) confirms Hutchinson's findings. The statement read, "Outcome studies of children raised by parents with a homosexual or bisexual orientation, when compared to heterosexual parents, show no greater degree of instability in the parental relationship or developmental dysfunction in children."

Others like senior political science major Arien Parham disagrees with same-sex marriages but said she could support gay adoptions. "I don't believe in same-sex marriage, but I don't agree with the fact that they are banning same-sex adoption. I don't think

the fact that they are attracted to the same sex affects their parenting ability," Parham said. "Whether they can educate their child on equality or their ABCs doesn't have anything to do with the fact that they want to go to bed with the same sex or that they fell in love with the same sex."

The AACAP statement supported Parham's rationale.

It read, "There is no evidence to suggest or support that parents with a gay, lesbian, or bisexual orientation are per se different from or deficient in parenting skills, child-centered concerns and parent-child attachments, when compared to parents with a heterosexual orientation. It has long been established that a homosexual orientation is not related to psychopathology, and there is no basis on which to assume that a parental homosexual orientation will increase likelihood of or induce a homosexual orientation in the child."

Constitution Law Professor, Dr. Meldon S. Hollis pointed out that there are already children growing up in households headed by same-sex couples that the government has no control over. He said there are children who are raised by their biological parent along with their mother or father's partner.

Hollis said he personally sees no reason why gays should not be allowed to adopt. "My view is that if there are people who are prepared to provide a supportive and rich environment for children and there are children in need, we ought to be accepting of that opportunity, as long as there is no evidence that it harms the child."

Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist Called to Resign

BY MERCEDES WHITE
Contributing Writer

Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who underwent throat surgery late last year after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, has not returned to the bench since the court reconvened this month.

Despite his absence, Rehnquist continues to vote on high profile cases. The most recent, a ruling that ended mandatory sentencing guidelines for federal judges, is expected to impact the lives of millions and change the course of this country's legal system for decades to come. Given the seriousness of the cases currently facing the high court, some have begun to mumble that Rehnquist should consider stepping down if his health has deteriorated so much that he can not adequately review the cases coming before him.

Rehnquist, who is 80 years old and has served on the Supreme Court for 33 years, was seen publicly for the first time yesterday when administered the oath of office for President Bush at Bush's inauguration. Prior to this Rehnquist had not been seen since his surgery last October. Though he walked with a cane, Rehnquist appeared to be in good health. Little is known about his actual health status, but doctors familiar with the surgery Rehnquist had have speculated on his condition in the media. Many say he is probably severely weakened from chemo and radiation therapy he is now receiving.

Vincent Morris, a reporter for The New York Post, is one of the few journalists to see Rehnquist recently. He described his encounter in a report for the paper entitled "Shocking Look at Ailing Rehnquist." His description of Rehnquist is a far cry from the one Americans witnessed yesterday.

"Rehnquist, looked very, very ill," Morris wrote. "Rehnquist was hunched over in his wheelchair, an old hunting cap pulled down low over his ears to cover up his blotchy skin and near baldness, possibly the result of the aggressive treatment he's getting for his thyroid cancer."

Accounts like these, as well as various commentaries being given to the media from doctors, have drummed up the opinions of those who say Rehnquist should step down.

Some on Howard's campus agree. "I think he should stop," said senior sociology



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Rehnquist continues to rule on cases despite receiving radiation treatments for thyroid cancer.

major Rochelle Frazier. "If he has thyroid cancer, he needs to take care of himself. You have to take care of your health first, then do your job later."

Dr. Meldon Hollis, a professor at Howard who teaches courses on constitution and administrative law, as well as Black politics, agrees that Rehnquist should consider stepping down.

"I think given the huge work load that comes to the court and the need to be in chambers to carry out the duties of Chief Judge, he should consider stepping down," Hollis said. "It is not the kind of duties that can be done electronically. Doctors have said it is very serious and for a man of age 80, he should not be carrying on a normal workload. And the work of the Supreme Court is not a normal workload."

Others support Rehnquist and, despite his conservative views on affirmative action, say he should remain on the bench. "I don't say that he's too ill," said Bernard Glenn Moore, a Ph.D. candidate. "He is conservative but he has managed the court in a very positive manner."

If Rehnquist were to resign, it would create an opening on the Supreme Court, which would give President Bush the opportunity to select a new judge as well as appoint a new chief justice to replace Rehnquist. Early reports suggest Bush may be considering Justice Clarence Thomas to become the new Chief Justice should Rehnquist resign. Thomas is a conservative republican and has served on the Supreme Court for 13 years. Thomas was nominated by former president George H. W. Bush and was sworn into the court on Oct. 23, 1991. If appointed to the Chief Justice position, Thomas will be the first African-American to hold the position.

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Students Express Their Concerns

SWYGERT, from Campus A1

expressed concerns about the lack of resources on campus. Dental students were concerned about the lack of dental chairs for practicing third and fourth year students. Law students were frustrated by the time restraints of their new library. Health students were reluctant to use the new Health Science Library due to congestion. Swygert promised to look into all of these concerns and hoped to rectify the situations so that the students are better accommodated.

Financial inquiries were a minor hiccup during the meeting of minds. First year Pharmacy student Kienna Willis questioned what the mandatory \$2,000 laptop fee is paying for if the computers the students receive are inadequate for studies. Other students simply wondered why the ethernet, wireless connections and other technological equipment throughout Howard's campuses have so many discrepancies.

"We can have all the equipment in the world, but if it isn't working, it doesn't matter," Swygert said. He promised to look into the matter.

Lack of security was



President Swygert had a conversation with the graduate students Tuesday night about their issues.

addressed numerous times throughout the conversation. Swygert explained that all buildings are being equipped with swipe card machines and hopes that will decrease some intrusions. He also informed the graduate students that a big portion of the problem resulted from Howard being an open campus, and that it could be helped with the closing of 6th Street.

"Every year the students are call[ed] on to support us at the City Council meeting

to close 6th Street, but each year, the students are worried about putting the merchants of 6th Street out of business," he said.

With some questions answered and promises for answers to others, new ideas processed, and new campus features revealed, the meeting came to an end. The president told the students that he had "learn[ed] a lot" during the session, and wished them well.

Bush is Sworn into Office Again

BUSH, from Campus A1

four years.

"To give every American a stake in the promise and future of our country, we will bring the highest standards to our schools and build an ownership society," Bush said. "We will widen the ownership of homes and businesses, retirement savings and health insurance, preparing our people for the challenges of life in a free society." Despite recent remarks in which President Bush talked of having a mandate, even though the country remains polarized after his re-election, Bush said he would reach out and try to bridge the divide engulfing America.

"We have known divisions, which must be healed to move forward in great purposes and I will strive in good faith to heal them," Bush said. "Yet those divisions do not define America. We felt the unity and fellowship of our nation when freedom came under attack, and our response came like a single hand over a single heart."

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, William Rehnquist, swore in President Bush. Rehnquist, who made his first appearance since undergoing surgery for thyroid cancer, walked with a cane and spoke clearly as he administered the oath of office to Bush. Vice President Cheney was sworn in before Bush, by House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

Bush's speech was followed by the traditional inaugu-



Many protesters flooded the streets of downtown D.C. while the inauguration was in progress.

ral parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. Several balls took place after the inauguration, including one for military personnel who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"The president made it clear that he wanted to pay special tribute in a special way to those armed forces who put their lives on the line everyday, with particular emphasis on the war on terror," said Greg Jenkins, the inaugural committee's executive director to CNN.

In total, the inaugural events cost an estimated \$40 million. Officials with the Presidential Inaugural Committee said the money was raised from private donors as well as sales of merchandise and tickets.

Security for yesterday's inau-

guration was at an unprecedented level. About 6,000 police officers and nearly 5,000 military personnel helped to secure the area. In addition, dozens of city blocks surrounding the inaugural celebration were closed.

Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Lines), Archives-Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter, Mount Vernon Square/7th Street Convention Center (Green/Yellow Lines) and Judiciary Square (Red Line) Metro rail stations were also closed. The stringent security not only helped to thwart a possible terrorist attack, but also to stop protesters from disrupting the evening's events. Some non-violent protesters urged supporters to turn their back on Bush's limousine as it rode to the Capitol for the ceremony.

Vizion Offers Dance Workshops

VIZION, from Campus A2

Students built it up and made it to what it is right now." She added, "We are your peers, we aren't any elite group of people who went through any type of immaculate type [of] process to get on the team."

For students who are unsure whether they are prepared to audition, members of the team like freshman fashion merchandising major William White, encourages everyone to try.

"Vizion is great. In the audition, they say that it's like a fam-

ily and you really realize that once you do make it, the people are great; nobody is conniving like you would think dancers would be. There's nothing you can lose by auditioning... If you just go and be yourself and do what you can, and pay attention when she's teaching and make sure you do it for yourself you will make it through," White said.

The Vizion Performance Team was organized in December 2001 with seven members; however, it was not recognized as an official student organization

until January 2004. In addition to various performances around campus, the now 30-member squad placed third at the first Bustagroove East Coast Hip Hop Dance Competition, which featured 11 acts from Florida to New Jersey.

Auditions for Vizion will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 2pm in the West Ballroom in Blackburn. The fee for auditions is five dollars. The monthly workshops, Two Dollar Tuesdays, will be held on the third Tuesday of every month.

Seniors Ready to Graduate

SENIORITIS, from Campus A2

purpose to do so."

However, the psychological, physical and emotional stress associated with graduating is a lot to bear for some seniors. Studies of college students and stress suggest that stress

causes sickness and increases the difficulty of concentrating. Some students just stop trying as hard. "You lose steam as the year goes on, and now it's like forget it," said graduating senior Marqueta Smith, a radio production major.

Senior political science

major Bree Boulware realizes that senioritis is real but she refuses to give in to a fight with senioritis.

"Being able to be lazy is not realistic," said Boulware. "If I slack off, it compromises my aspirations after graduation."

Students Remain Skeptical

TERM, from Campus A1

and more Black people are finding it harder to purchase the basic necessities that they need for life," Johnson said. "Unemployment rates are going up and Black people are losing more jobs than any other race. People have lost more jobs in the Bush administration than any other administration."

Bush increased the funding for historically Black colleges

and universities by 30 percent, and he has spent more money on education in the last three years than former presidents did in eight years.

Contrarily, 84,000 low-income students lost Pell grant eligibility under Bush's new formula. Many Howard students rely heavily on financial aid. According to the College Board, tuition and fees at public colleges have increased 35 percent since Bush took office. Additionally,

by the end of 2004, more than 500,000 African-Americans lived in poverty, students in urban school districts continued to under-perform and prescription drugs remain too high for the elderly to afford.

"Bush's policies affect me as a student because I stand to get less financial aid and more loans instead of grants," Johnson said. Continued declines in financial aid are a trend Johnson predicts will continue.

Many Question if Enough has Been Done to Protect Students

BLAGOSAH, from Campus A1

to see during orientation that harassment based on sexual orientation be discussed," he said.

Both Howard and Bolden-Newsome feel that since the incident, while there has not a great deal of overt discrimination of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgendered students (GLBTS), the Howard community still does not really embrace all sexual orientations. "I think folks are more tolerant, than accepting," Bolden-Newsome said.

Howard explained that GLBTS are basically ignored around campus. "Students act as though these people do not exist," Howard said. Instead of overlooking GLBTS, he would like for a specific location to be set up on campus where they

can go for help and support.

To Ursula Johnson, a BLAGOSAH member who participated in the organization's protests after the assault, safety is not a very serious problem at Howard.

"I do not feel the campus is really unsafe," Johnson said. However, Johnson said if other students feel unsafe it is up to them to bring their concerns to the administration.

Other students on Howard's campus agree with Johnson. "From my perspective of homosexuals and people of alternative lifestyles, I have not seen any harassment," said Bryan Graves, a junior pre-pharmacy major. According to Graves, if any dangers do exist they are not conspicuous.

Dallas Banner, a sophomore

biology major, said that students at Howard seem to be somewhat open-minded when it comes to sexual orientation. "I have not seen anyone being mistreated," he said. "It seems that people are very accepting of gay people. I do not think people care."

Whatever issues may continue to exist for GLBTS that are a part of the University community, Howard thinks that the protests of his organization and others in the aftermath of the alleged assault effectively sent the message to the administrators that any type of abuse cannot be overlooked.

"The big problem was Howard tried to keep it quiet," Howard said. "I do not think that would happen again. I think Howard would be much more pro-active."

Students Stand-Up for Themselves

HISTORY, from Campus A2

for Action," which was adopted by the Howard University Board of Trustees on September 28, 1996. This plan is a major focal point of Howard University Professional Development and Leadership Academy. According to the web page Howard University Professional Development Leadership Academy, which is located within the University's intranet, the academy "was designed to assist our faculty, staff and administrations to acquire and refine professional and personal skills to increase competence and accountabil-

ity."

The administration has acknowledged the problems within the system and has made an attempt to correct them. However, even with "The Strategic Framework for Action," in effect students are still unsatisfied.

According to Regina Cadesca, a junior psychology major, "I think that the administration here at Howard University is disgusting. They need to be more respectful and willing to help."

Not all students at Howard University share this viewpoint. There are some students who believe that the student

also has a responsibility and possesses the power to change the accepted status quo of less than perfect service. There are numerous organizations on campus, such as the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), that prides itself as being "the eyes, ears and voice for the student body."

However, as the world changes and Howard University strives to retain its reputation as a provider of "Leadership for America and the Global Community," the problem of inadequate customer and student services persist.

Hot Sauce: It Ain't Just For Food Anymore

HOT SAUCE, from N & WA 7

stings for a while, but it abates. It is the memory that lingers...so the next time they may actually have some self-control and stop before they lie or bite or something like that."

Most Howard students asked to share their thoughts on hot saucing laughed, many considering it hardly a punishment. Sophomore African studies major Lauren Edwards said, "What is the purpose? When you eat a piece of hot chicken, it's the same thing."

Most Howard students who agreed with the practice, say they base their belief on the need for children to receive "real punishments" that may include the use of belts, extension cords and hands to deliver that traditional beating.

Janelle Moore, a freshman public relations major, remem-

bers receiving a beating from her father in front of her then boyfriend after being caught riding with him in his car. "In fact, I saw the boy the other day, and he said to me, 'Tell your dad I said hi,'" said Moore, who now laughs at the occasion. Despite the laughs that the practice received by some Howard students, others are not taking this issue lightly.

The state of Virginia said recently they consider hot saucing to be an actionable offense, possibly punishable by the law.



Actress Lisa Welche defends "Hot Saucing" and has written a book on other alternative ways to punish children who misbehave.

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FOUR BIG TEAMS, ONE BIG WEEKEND CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY



Jerome Bettis, Michael Vick, Donovan McNabb and Tom Brady will all have to shoulder the responsibility for their teams on Sunday's AFC and NFC Championship games. The winners will advance to the Superbowl XXXIX on February 6, 2005.

BY JONATHAN DAVIS
Contributing Writer

After starting the playoffs with 12 teams in contention, the NFL is down to the final four, as the Atlanta Falcons (12-5) will take on the Philadelphia Eagles (14-3) in the National Football Conference Championship (NFC). While the New England Patriots (15-2) will take on the Pittsburgh Steelers (16-1) in the American Football Conference Championship (AFC) on Sunday.

After three consecutive losses in the NFC Championship game, the Philadelphia Eagles are taking a different approach this time around. Since losing All-Pro wide receiver Terrell Owens to a broken foot in Week 14 versus the Dallas Cowboys, Head Coach Andy Reid decided to rest the remainder of his starters for the playoffs.

Reid's decision was questioned and it was argued in some circles that the Eagles would not have a chance to make it this far. The boys in green proved their critics wrong as they

looked very sharp in their 27-14 defeat of the Minnesota Vikings. Donovan McNabb was 21 for 33 passing for 286, throwing for two touchdowns.

Junior finance major Khary Kenyatta feels the Eagles will win as long as they play confident hard-nosed football.

"Just depending on which team shows up will determine the outcome of the game," said biology major Phillip Murray.

A much-maligned receiving core that was deemed dead without T.O. stepped up to the challenge. Freddie Mitchell caught five passes for 65 yards, scoring two touchdowns—one a 2-yard pass from Donovan McNabb, the other score came off a fumble by tight end L.J. Smith which Mitchell recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. Mitchell's performance was stellar and was a nice surprise for Reid and his team.

The Falcons, however, are just as capable of winning on Sunday. One reason is because of the spectacular

play of Michael Vick. In their 47-17 Divisional Playoff win on Sunday versus the St. Louis Rams, Vick threw for an efficient 70 yards on 13 for 17 passing, passing for two touchdowns. He also rushed for 119 yards.

The Falcons, as a team, had 327 of their total 397 yards on the ground, which included a franchise playoff record 142 rushing yards from running back Warrick Dunn.

Special teams played an even bigger part as Alan Rossum had 152 yards on three punt returns a playoff record, which included a 68-yard return for a touchdown.

However, there are some concerns for the Falcons. Sophomore Donald Hunter characterizes Sunday's problems for the Falcons saying, "The Falcons have never seen a zone coverage blitz that Philly brings."

In the AFC, the Pittsburgh Steelers for the second time in three years will be hosting the AFC Championship game against the defending Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.

The Steelers got all they could handle against the New York Jets in the Divisional round last Sunday. With two chances to win in regulation, place kicker Doug Brien failed to make a game-winning field goal from 47 yards with 1:58 remaining and from 43 yards at the end of regulation.

Now Blitzburgh faces its old nemesis, the New England Patriots, a team they faced in the same position four years ago in the AFC title game and lost to three years ago. The win over the Steelers propelled the Patriots to their first Super Bowl victory.

However, in their first match-up of this season on Halloween, the Steelers defeated the Pats 34-20, ending the Patriots record-breaking 21-game winning streak. A major reason for the victory by the Steelers was their ability to run the football and the Patriots inability to control the clock.

The Steelers rushed for 221 yards on 41 carries, while the Pats, who were without running back Corey Dillon because of a thigh injury, gained five

yards on six carries.

Since that loss, the Pats won seven of their last eight games to close the season, finishing 14-2 and earning a first-round bye.

Despite being without Law and their other starting cornerback Tyrone Poole, the Patriots once again took care of business last week against the Indianapolis Colts, defeating them 20-3 at home. They held the high scoring offense of the Colts to a field goal and held quarterback Peyton Manning without a touchdown pass.

For Howard Bullard, the Steelers have an excellent chance to dethrone the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots if Ben Roethlisberger can bounce back from a poor performance last week.

"Roethlisberger is going to have to rule out his last game against the Jets and just keep moving," said the senior television major and Pittsburgh resident. "The defense has to remain consistent and shut down Corey Dillon."



Will Gant scored 15 points on 5 three-pointers in the loss to NC A&T before fouling out on Monday. He will be a key player during the upcoming three-game home stand vs. Norfolk State, Hampton and Bethune-Cookman.

Bison Eye Norfolk State & Hampton

BY HEATHER FAISON
Contributing Writer

Pre-season favorite Chakowby Hicks and the number one ranked Norfolk State men's basketball team have struck MEAC gold and have not stopped digging. The 4-1 (MEAC) 6-7 (overall) Spartans will try their luck against the relentless Howard University Bison tomorrow at the Burr Gymnasium.

For the Spartans, this match-up could prove to be another notch under their belts, but for the hungry Bison, it might be the silver lining that changes the course of a turbulent season.

The 2-2 (MEAC) 5-8 (overall) Bison have been overshadowed by the loss of highly ranked conference point guard junior Louis Ford, and troubled by face-offs with opposing post players in which the Bison back court resembles an undersized David in a battle against Goliath.

Throughout the season, the Howard men have been out-rebound-

ed by more than eight per game. In the recent match-up against Coppin State, stand out center Nicholas King helped the Eagles outscore the Howard men 34-12 in the paint and deliver a paralyzing 1-3-1 zone in an 89-74 loss that Bison Head Coach Frankie Allen has learned from and moved forward.

"They have some size inside that really hurt us. It was just one of those things, Coppin was picked to be one of the two or three top teams, and they have real good size," Allen said.

Allen has since prepared for Norfolk State's inside presence Calvin Brown, a threat that Howard's coach is well aware of. "I think he's a major concern, I saw him play in high school and he's a real threat inside," Allen said.

As if the pressure from the inside was not enough to keep the Bison on the alert, Norfolk State starting guard, senior Chakowby Hicks, holds multiple player of the week honors and leads the team in scoring with a 14.5 point average.

"Chakowby Hicks, going into his senior year is an all-conference performer, a versatile player as well as a good perimeter player," Allen said.

The Bison's backcourt is one of the smaller line-ups in the MEAC, and has been outsized by most non-conference contenders as well. The plan of defense then will be all pressure and attack. The Bison's full court press has created an average of 20 forced turnovers per game and has kept the team hovering with a high percentage in steals.

"There's no secret that our strength lies within our perimeter players and our guards. That's where most of our offense comes from," said Assistant Coach Dawud Abdur-Rahkman. "It is probably where most of our defense is generated as well."

Sophomore guard, Will Gant has stepped up in Ford's absence, averaging double figures, hitting game winning jumpers, and is leading the team with a strong sense of purpose. "Coach gave me an opportunity and I accepted it. It's really not a challenge

for me. It is just looking at the game from a different perspective- trying to run the team. So, I had to step up my game," Gant said.

Also a pivotal addition to the Bison offense this year is 6-foot-4-inch, two-time sophomore rookie of the week Clifton Ault. He has led the team in scoring while averaging 13 points per game.

However, the Bison charge does not end with Norfolk. The men will also face off in the battle for the Real HU title against Hampton University at home on Monday. The Bison have lost the previous two matches against their longstanding rivals, one game former Bison Aki Thomas likens to a mental battle.

"For some of the guys here, you could tell it was more of a mental thing. They (the Bison players) were like, 'Hampton's here,'" Thomas said. "We want them to get excited about Hampton coming here. They are our rivals but you have to respond the right way and bring that emotion to the court."

Lady Bison Set to Face 2-10 Lady Spartans

BY COURTNEY EILAND
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The Lady Bison, now 4-1 in conference play and 9-5 overall, are looking to bounce back after their first loss in the MEAC against the North Carolina A&T University Lady Aggies on Monday evening. The Lady Bison are preparing to take out their frustrations on the Lady Spartans of Norfolk State University whom they face on Saturday afternoon.

"We plan to bounce back pretty strong. Our team didn't particularly play well this last game. We plan to look at the tape and see what it was that we did wrong," said Lady Bison Assistant Coach Andre Bolton.

The Lady Spartans have struggled this season with a 2-10 overall record and a 2-3 record in the MEAC with their only two wins coming against South Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T University.

The Lady Spartans are led by 5-foot-3-inch junior guard Toia Johnson, who averages 11.9 points per game, along with 3.9 assists per game. In the Spartans recent win against South Carolina State University, Johnson scored 19 points while connecting 5-for-8 beyond the arc.

She also added five assists and five steals to contribute to her team's first win of the season. In her team's second win against North Carolina A&T, Johnson again led her team in scoring with 22 points including four three-pointers making her a serious threat

beyond the arc.

"We are a proven defensive team. But again, we will look at the tape and see exactly how we can defend against the Spartans," said Bolton, referring to Norfolk's leading scorer as well.

Other key players on the Lady Spartans team include 5 foot 9 inch senior forward, Yomika Corbitt who averages 9.8 points per game along with 6.2 rebounds per game and 5 foot 4 inch senior guard, Shenae Johnson who averages 9.2 points per game.

The Lady Bison are geared to face the Spartans with a newly discovered three-point threat of their own in 5 foot 8 inch junior guard Brittany James. In the Lady Bison's recent win against South Carolina State University last Saturday, James posted a career-high 33 points while breaking the school record with nine three-pointers in a single game. After solid performances in two of the Lady Bison's wins last week, James earned recognition as MEAC Player of the Week.

"It was a tremendous game for Brittany. We were very excited for her when she broke the school's record for three-pointers. She has come a long way and improved throughout her years here at Howard," Bolton said.

Senior guard Daisha Hicks also contributed in a big way in the win over South Carolina State University with an all-around game. She posted 14 points, nine assists, eight steals, and six rebounds.

On Monday evening, the Lady Bison will prepare to face their tough-

est competition in the MEAC, the Hampton University Lady Pirates. The Lady Pirates are currently 6-8 overall and 6-0 in conference play, leading Howard in a first place ranking in the MEAC. Freshman guard Rachael Butler leads the Lady Pirates in scoring with 13.2 points per game and two steals per game. Also making a contribution is six foot sophomore guard Sharema Dean, who averages 7.5 points per game along with 3.9 rebounds per game.

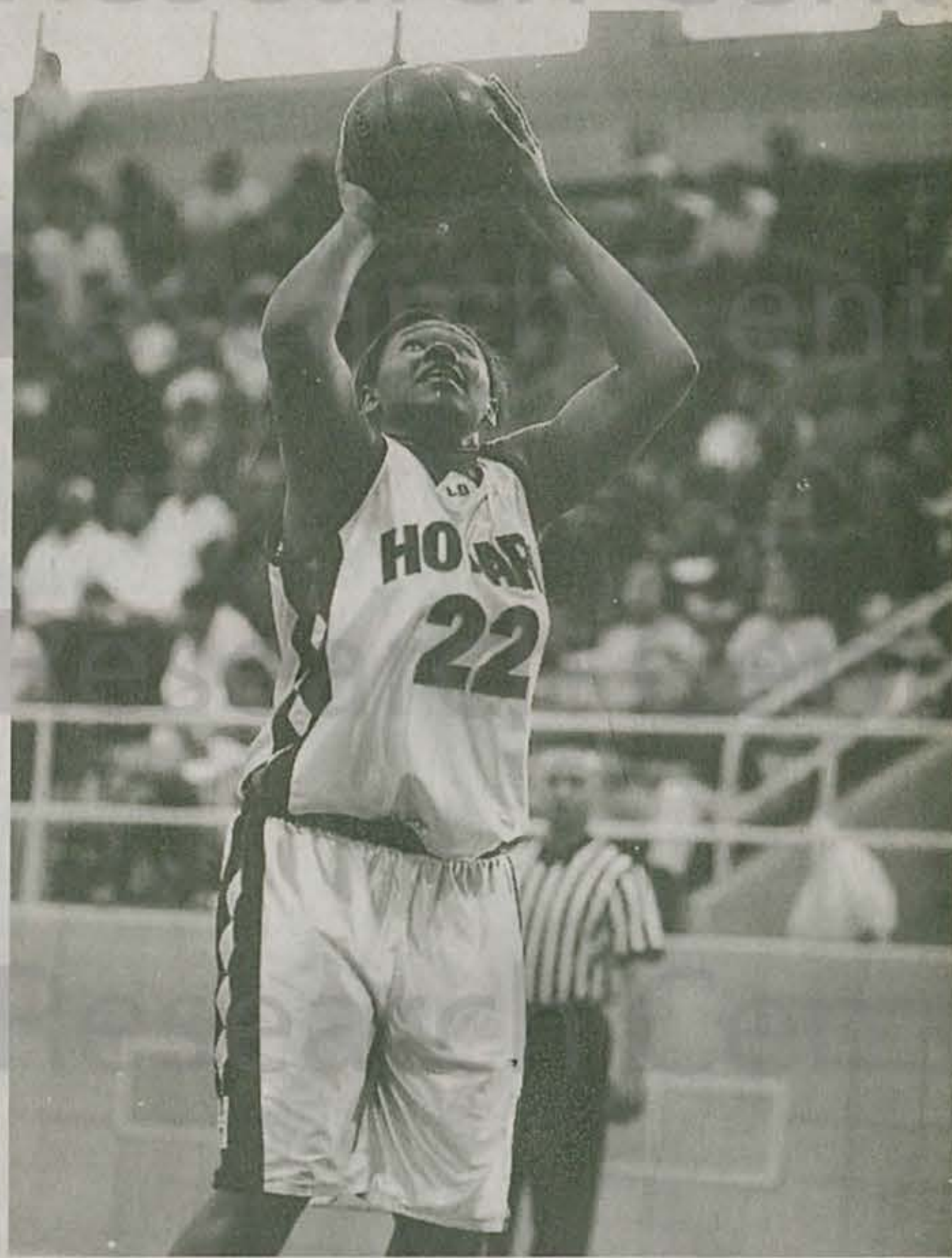
With perhaps the most dominant low post in the MEAC, 6 foot 2 inch senior center Kiesha Beard and 6 foot 6 inch senior center Tiffani Williams combine for almost 20 of their team's points.

Beard averages 10.5 points and 6.8 rebounds per game, while Williams adds 8.2 points per game along with 5.8 rebounds per game, and 2.2 blocks per game.

The Lady Bison tip-off against the Norfolk State University Lady Spartans tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium followed by the Hampton University Lady Pirates on Monday at 6 p.m., also in Burr Gymnasium.

Carol Smith - All Pro Photography

Andrea Jones has been a big part of the Bison offense this year, and along with the emergence of Brittany James, has solidified a surprising Howard team that is 4-1 in the MEAC.



The Bryant Backlash

BY SUSAN WALKER
Contributing Writer

When Kobe Bryant came on the scene as the NBA's rising star, all eyes were on him. As the squeaky clean first round draft pick of 1996, he quickly became the prince of endorsements as he garnered support from Sprite and Spalding. However, with a rape scandal and a falling out with former Lakers teammate Shaquille O'Neal looming over Bryant's head, he seems to have lost some of his commercial appeal and marketing swagger.

According to an Associated Press article, Bryant's No. 8 Lakers jersey has fallen out of the top 50 after previously being one of the best selling jerseys in the world. In December, Kobe's jersey was ranked 72 in sales. While a drop in sales and divisions between Bryant supporters and Bryant haters is expected following such public controversy, sales of his jersey took an unexpected plunge during the height of the rape scandal.

According to AP, Neil Schwartz, director of marketing and business development for SportsScanINFO in West Palm Beach, which tracks weekly sales data from sporting goods retailers nationwide said, "I would never have thought it would



The Kobe Bryant #8 jersey has suffered a slump in sales since charges of rape were filed against him and the Lakers' dismantling.

have dropped off like this."

In June, when Bryant's rape trial preparations were at their peak, three of his jerseys were in the first, third and fifth spots in terms of units sold. LeBron James' and Carmelo Anthony's jerseys now occupy these positions. In addition to the rape scandal was former coach Phil Jackson's portrayal of Bryant as "an aloof prima donna" in his new book and what many fans believe was the breakup of a once powerful team following Shaq's move to the Miami Heat.

"I only supported Bryant when he played with Shaq," said fourth year education major, Steve Boyd.

While some former Bryant fans and corporations such as McDonald's and Nutella may have stopped supporting him, Nike holds a tentative position by his side. Nike brands, based in Oregon, have kept Bryant on as a nominal spokesman, but they have yet to use him in any ads following the rape trial, including a spot for his own shoe, as he is still considered too volatile for business.

Despite bad press and a spat that some say led to a Lakers breakup, some fans continue to support Bryant.

"I would wear his jersey anyway," said senior engineer major, Donovan Lewis. "He made a mistake, but he's still an excellent ball player."

While athletic retailers have felt the effects of Bryant's public mishaps, Forbes Magazine ranked him the 10th highest paid celebrity, having earned \$26.1 million from June 2003 to June 2004.



Bryant tried to shoulder some support when he got a tattoo dedicated to his wife after the Denver scandal.

Bison Track Team Targets Maryland Terrapins

BY MIKE HOLMES
Contributing Writer

After a week that included celebrating the birth of a national Black hero and the official reinstatement of the president, which some didn't celebrate, what's next? How about hitting the track. This Saturday, Howard University's men and women track teams will compete in their first indoor meet of the 2005 season. They will face the University of Maryland College Park at the 2005 Terrapin Invitational.

The team is hoping to follow up last year's successful season. The women's team finished third overall while the men finished fourth. Both teams advanced up one spot from their previous rankings last season.

"We're hoping to do the same thing this season, but we'd like to do even better," said Coach Michael Merritt. Merritt has coached the Howard University men and

women track and field teams for the past five years and is eager to see how his squad will fair in 2005.

In addition to both teams advancing in the ranks, last season was also highlighted by stellar performances by Khary Kenyatta and David Oliver. Oliver qualified for the 2004 Olympic trials in Sacramento, Calif. The question then remains: Will this season bring about any more stand outs like Oliver and Kenyatta?

Merritt said, "Two freshmen on the women's team Lauren McNairy and Erica Day and Adetola Adewoda of the men's team have the chance to be stand out performers for the Bison." The trio competes in the 400m.

Going into Saturday's meet, the team has several events in which Merritt feels they are very strong. On the men's side, there is the distance medley relay, men's hurdles, 800m, middle distance and the mile. "That's the strength of our pro-

gram," he said. On the women's side, the hurdles, sprints, long and middle distance and the throw events. "We've got two good throwers," Merritt said, referring to Jocelyn Kearney and Marisa Johnson. Johnson however, will not be competing in this Saturday's meet.

With all these strengths, does the Howard team have any weaknesses?

"I really don't focus on a weak spot or one single event. We're focused on improving every single event," Merritt said.

Back at the University of Maryland, the Terrapins started their season off two weeks ago with eight first place wins for the women and seven for the men at the Delaware Invitational. Last week, Maryland senior Matt Ambrus won the 5000m with a time of 14:58.25 at the Virginia Tech Indoor Invitational. The team also added three new coaches to their staff this past July, Assistant Coach Michael

Garriso, Volunteer Assistant Coaches Frank Costello and Jason Grimes. Costello is a two-time Track National Champion and in 1975 was awarded Coach of the Year by the NCAA. Grimes is a seven time All-American from the University of Tennessee.

When asked if there were any events where Maryland posed a threat, Merritt said, "I never really focus on the other teams strengths. I believe in just going out there and banging head to head. Track is a sport, you just got to run." Merritt added, "I basically ask my team to just be competitive. I want to finish higher overall. I want to go to the regionals and I want to send as many people as possible to the nationals. We just want to put Howard University on the national map."

The meet is tomorrow, Jan. 22 at The Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex in Landover Md. Weigh-ins start at 9 a.m. and the events start at 10:30 a.m.

Nationals' Merchandise a Big Hit in the District

BY KONAHE JERNIGAN
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Many things can be used to identify sports fans, but above all else they can be identified by their logo written clothes-hats, jerseys, tee-shirts, scarves, etc. District baseball fans finally get a chance to represent their hometown; for about a month, Nationals MLB merchandise has been in stores.

Seventy-two days stand between local baseball fans and the debut of the Washington Nationals baseball team. The season may be more than two months away but that hasn't stopped local merchants from selling Nationals merchandise. Passing by display windows, one will see jerseys and baseball hats bearing the Nationals' logo.

For District baseball fans, sporting Baltimore Orioles baseball gear will be for pleasure or because they simply prefer the team, but not because it's the closest team to them. They'll have their own baseball team right in their own back yard. Controversy has taken its toll on the arrival of the new team, but one thing is for certain, the forthcoming team is not having trouble securing fans or selling products.

Local businesses such as Champs, Hat Zone, Sports Zone, and Lids carry Nationals merchandise and comment that the items are

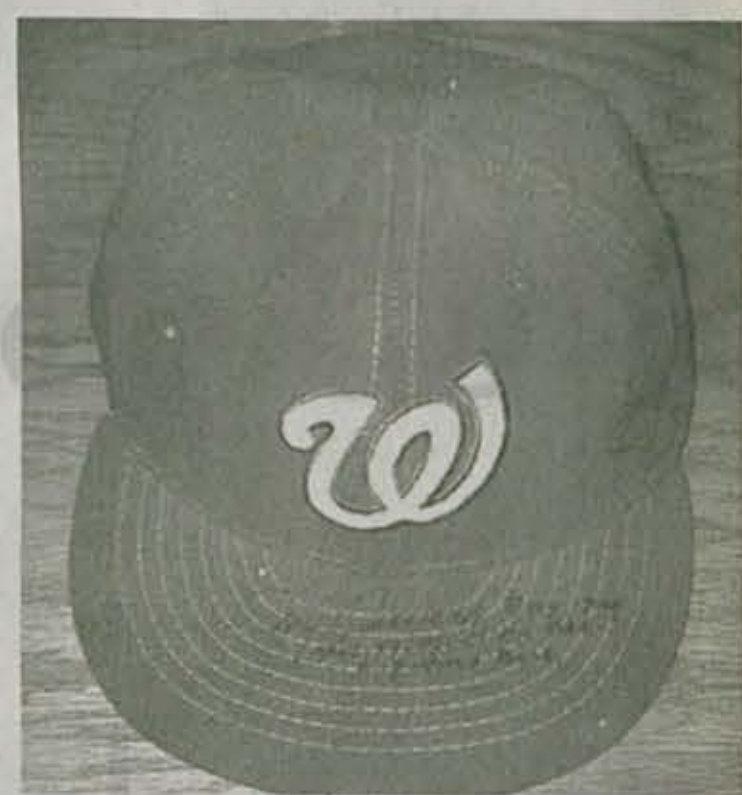
popular and in demand. Enrique Rodriguez, Manager of Champs at the Fashion Centre of Pentagon City said, "People are definitely interested in buying the new Nationals merchandise. Since the products premiered, hat sales have been up; Nationals hats have made up 50 percent of hat sales." Rodriguez also commented that Nationals sales have taken hat business from mediocre to comp game—the department broke even last year, however Nationals sales have pushed sales on the positive side.

Howardites like the rest of D.C. are falling in line to buy Nationals merchandise as well. Walking around campus one can spot the Navy blue or red scripted "W's" (Nationals logo). Junior sociology major, Marcus Stokeley said, "I have both the red and blue hats. The team colors are common and they go with a lot of the clothes I have, so it's easy to be versatile."

Other Howard students agree with Stokeley. Washington native and sophomore business administration major Brandon Johnson said, "I love the fact that D.C. is getting its own team. I haven't bought any Nationals merchandise yet, but I plan to. It'll be nice to finally be able to represent home."

The selling of Nationals merchandise will not only give baseball fans a chance to denote support for the new team, but

provide the District with a means to recoup some of the monies that have been used to construct the new MLB stadium. Sales taxes collected on Nationals merchandise alone will not be enough to cover the money initially spent for the stadium, but the selling of Nationals merchandise helps publicize the team—in turn generating more attention and prospective money spending fans.



Washington Nationals hats, along with other Nationals merchandise, are popular throughout the District.

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Replacement Programming Maintains Quality

BY BRITTNEY JOHNSON
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Each season, the major networks, CBS, ABC, FOX and NBC, all compete to create shows that viewing audiences will crave. This season, they have brought hour-long dramas such as "Cold Case," "Kevin Hill," "Veronica Mars," "Boston Legal" and the ever so popular "Desperate Housewives."

"Desperate Housewives" tops the season's newcomer list as definite must-see TV. The show's ratings increase among all demographics, each week, and recently picked up awards for best musical or comedy series and best actress in a TV comedy at this past weekend's Golden Globes.

"I love 'Desperate Housewives',"

said junior advertising major, Alesha Bradshaw. "It's so good, it's so funny and it's easy to get into."

"Kevin Hill" stars Taye Diggs as a bachelor attorney chosen to take care of the daughter of his deceased cousin. Dale Cooper, a sophomore history major has watched "Kevin Hill" and said, "It's a good show. It has compelling stories and good actors. I think it's here to stay."

In addition to drama series, the addictive reality show circuit has grown to include shows such as Missy Elliott's "Road to Fame," "Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Competition," "Wife Swap," and "Growing Up Gotti."

It's no secret that reality shows have completely taken over prime-time television. Some students are

avid watchers and enjoy the on-screen display of everyday life, while some despise the replication of the same ideas believe that the "reality" concept is played out. Lisandra Green, a freshman psychology major said, "I watched the new 'Sports Illustrated Swimsuit model Competition,' and it's stupid and cheesy the way they tried to play off America's Next Top Model. I'm so sick of reality shows." Cooper agreed, "All reality shows are the same. 'Celebrity Fit Club' is just like 'Surreal Life,' but with fat celebrities."

Many students agree that reality shows have had their time, and its time to revert back to good, quality programs. Junior Acting Major Ashford J. Thomas said, "I miss shows like Martin and Jamie Foxx—shows you can really laugh at. The Tuesday UPN lineup is horrible." The lineup includes "All of Us" and "Eve"; two shows that made it through their first season.

Even the networks centered around music, VH1, MTV and BET, have tapped into the world of reality with shows such as "Celebrity Fit Club," "Laguna Beach" and "Strange Love." The problem that some students see with these shows is that they don't have any sustaining qualities that will allow them to maintain popularity in future seasons.

Freshman, Tyrone Dash straddles the line when it comes to the quality of reality shows. "Some reality shows are decent, like 'Surreal Life,' 'American Idol' and 'Fear Factor.' But some are getting out of hand like 'Growing Up Gotti,' that's ridiculous. And if it's a talent show, the people should actually have talent. I watched 'Missy's Road to Fame' once, and I will never watch it



Desperate Housewives is one of the season's most talked about hits and airs on ABC on Sundays at 9 p.m.

again; it's bad. None of them have talent."

"American Idol's" fourth season started on Jan. 18th, with the anticipation of millions of viewers. Many students look forward to watching the wannabe idols embarrass themselves or showcase their real talent; which is exactly what many students are looking for in all new television shows. In addition to talent, sophomore Chemistry major Frajovon Talley has a more specific request. Talley said, "I really want to see more good Black sitcoms and dramas that show talented African-Americans in a good light."

Sports Illustrated: Swimsuit Model Search, which airs on NBC on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., is conducting a search for the highly coveted position.



The Road To Stardom, hosted by entertainer Missy Elliott, features 13 aspiring musicians competing for a chance at fame, on UPN, Wednesdays at 8 p.m.



American Idol had its two hour season premiere on Tuesday, followed by an hour episode on Wednesday, and will air at 8 p.m. next Tuesday and Wednesday on Fox.

CREDIT: Don't Charge It to The Game

BY CHARLAE WASHINGTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

With this increase in the loan amount and a decrease in the buying power of the Federal PELL Grant, the last thing students need are more bills. Unfortunately, many students fall into the trap of excessive credit card spending and carry an average of five credit cards, and total \$3,754 in consumer debt.

Everson Ladson, a freshman African-American studies major, would like a credit card, but realizes that he isn't ready for one. "With my spending habits, I avoid credit cards to protect myself from the consequences of financial immaturity."

Vincent Hunter, freshman TV production major agrees. "I think I could handle it initially, but just knowing that the money was there and waiting for me, it would burn a hole in my pocket."

Many students prefer debit cards to credit cards, because they allow you to spend within your means, provide records of purchases and are more secure than cash, which can be easily stolen.

"Debit cards are a safer alternative," Ladson said. "They spend like credit, but you don't have to worry about not being able to pay bills if you keep a sufficient account balance."

"I use a debit card, but since it has a Visa logo I can use it like a credit card," said Ciku Mwangi, freshman biology major.

Students know the perils associated with having a credit card, but that doesn't stop them from wanting one. "I'm tempted to apply for one now more than ever," Hunter said. "I'm running out of money, and I've been saving since I was 16."

"I've been tempted to apply for a credit card many times," said Tahira Spinx, freshman political

science major. "I'm too young to have my own credit cards, but if I did, I would probably be in debt."

Credit companies knowingly target college students, because they are most likely to be pressed for funds and unaware of the dangers.

"I get hounded by offers in the mail all the time," Hunter said.

"It's tempting to apply for credit cards when they offer prizes such as free cell phones, and even t-shirts or concert tickets," said Victoria Freeman, freshman speech communications major. "Credit companies know the mindsets of college kids and are setting them up for eternal debt."

Freshman Marcus Miller can appreciate the strategies of credit companies.

"As a marketing major I agree with them 100 percent because that's where all the profit is. We, as students, shouldn't allow them to persuade us."

Marie O'Malley, vice president of Nellie Mae, a student loan lender, acknowledges that a lot of students are naive to the hazards of credit cards. "Credit cards are so easy to use," O'Malley said. "A lot of students don't seem to understand compounded interest. Some see it as free money."

Credit cards do have negative consequences, but they're not all bad.

"It's a matter of discretion," Ladson said. "When used correctly, credit cards lay the foundation of a solid credit history and of economic empowerment."

Miller agrees, "Every adult with a job should have a credit card because they're good for emergencies and some things you can buy with credit."

Even when using credit cards, students have methods to spend wisely and avoid debt.

"Avoid using credit for

impulse buys—only use them for things like plane tickets and emergencies," said Remi Oguntoye, a sophomore business management major.

"Credit cards provide a great opportunity," said O'Malley. "The key is using them responsibly."



Credit card companies target college students because they are old enough to secure cards, but not usually able to maintain the payments.



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Health Briefs

FDA Deliberates Over the Counter Morning After Pill

Debate ensues as the Federal Drug Administration decides whether or not to regulate the sale of emergency contraception, Plan B, known as the morning-after pill. Women ages 16 and older would be able to purchase the pill over the counter without a prescription, anytime, especially over the weekend when a prescription may be difficult to obtain. Although the pill is more effective, the sooner it is taken, Plan B can be effective when taken within 72 hours after sex. The high dose of hormones in Plan B prevents fertilized eggs from being implanted into the uterus. If an egg is already planted it has no effect, but reduces the chance of preg-

New Software Assists Doctors in Determining Illnesses

New VisualDX Software contains over a million pictures of various symptoms, used to assist doctors in patient diagnosis. As a replacement to old medical catalogues with similar pictures and difficult descriptions, the VisualDX system narrows down the possible illnesses. The visual diagnosis system gives numerous images of a how an illness can present itself and allows physicians to compare and contrast images to avoid multiple misdiagnoses. The computer's standardized descriptions can speed up the research process and can

Is Too Much Water a Bad Thing?

Too much water can prove deadly for athletes and people who consume too much during exercise. Researchers are reexamining the risks associated with drinking too much water. Hyponatremia, water contamination, decreases sodium to abnormally low levels and causes swelling in the brain, pushing the brain against the skull. Hyponatremia usually occurs during extended periods of exercise (for four or more hours) and is common amongst marathon runners. The human body knows when it is thirsty, and only then are athletes advised to drink; athletes should avoid drinking in

access to avoid dehydration. **Tea Time...Or Not** New research shows that chamomile tea can help battle colds and menstrual cramps. Drinking tea produces changes in the body that increase the substance glycerine, which can help to reduce muscle spasms, as well as a substance that helps in the fight against colds. It is also used as a sedative and antioxidant, making it a multipurpose health instrument against various illness and disorders. However, researchers are not finished compiling information and cannot tell whether or not the changes made by chamomile are ultimately good or bad. *Compiled by Brittney Johnson, Hilltop Staff Writer*

Recipe of The Week
Chicken & Apple Stir-Fry

- 6 dried mushrooms (such as shiitake or wood ear mushrooms)
- 12 ounces skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 3 tablespoons frozen orange, apple, or pineapple juice concentrate, thawed
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/4 cup sliced or slivered almonds
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 medium green, red, orange, and/or yellow bell peppers, cut into thin strips
- 2 medium apples, thinly sliced
- Hot cooked long grain or brown rice

1. In a small bowl cover mushrooms with warm water. Let soak for 30 minutes. Rinse and squeeze the mushrooms to drain thoroughly. Discard stems. Thinly slice mushrooms. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, rinse chicken; pat dry with paper towels. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Set aside.
3. For sauce, in a small bowl stir together the cold water, juice concentrate, soy sauce, cornstarch, ginger, cinnamon, and red pepper. Set aside.
4. Preheat a wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add almonds; stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden. Remove almonds from wok. Let wok cool slightly.
5. Add cooking oil to wok. Preheat over medium-high heat (add more oil if necessary during cooking). Stir-fry mushrooms, sweet peppers, and apples in hot oil for 1 to 2 minutes or until peppers and apples are crisp-tender. Remove apple mixture from wok.
6. Add chicken to wok. Stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes or until tender and no longer pink. Push chicken from center of wok. Stir sauce; add to center of wok. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Return apple mixture to wok. Stir all ingredients together to coat. Cook and stir for 1 to 2 minutes more or until heated through.
7. Stir in toasted almonds. Serve immediately with hot cooked rice.

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Food for Thought: Eating Healthy

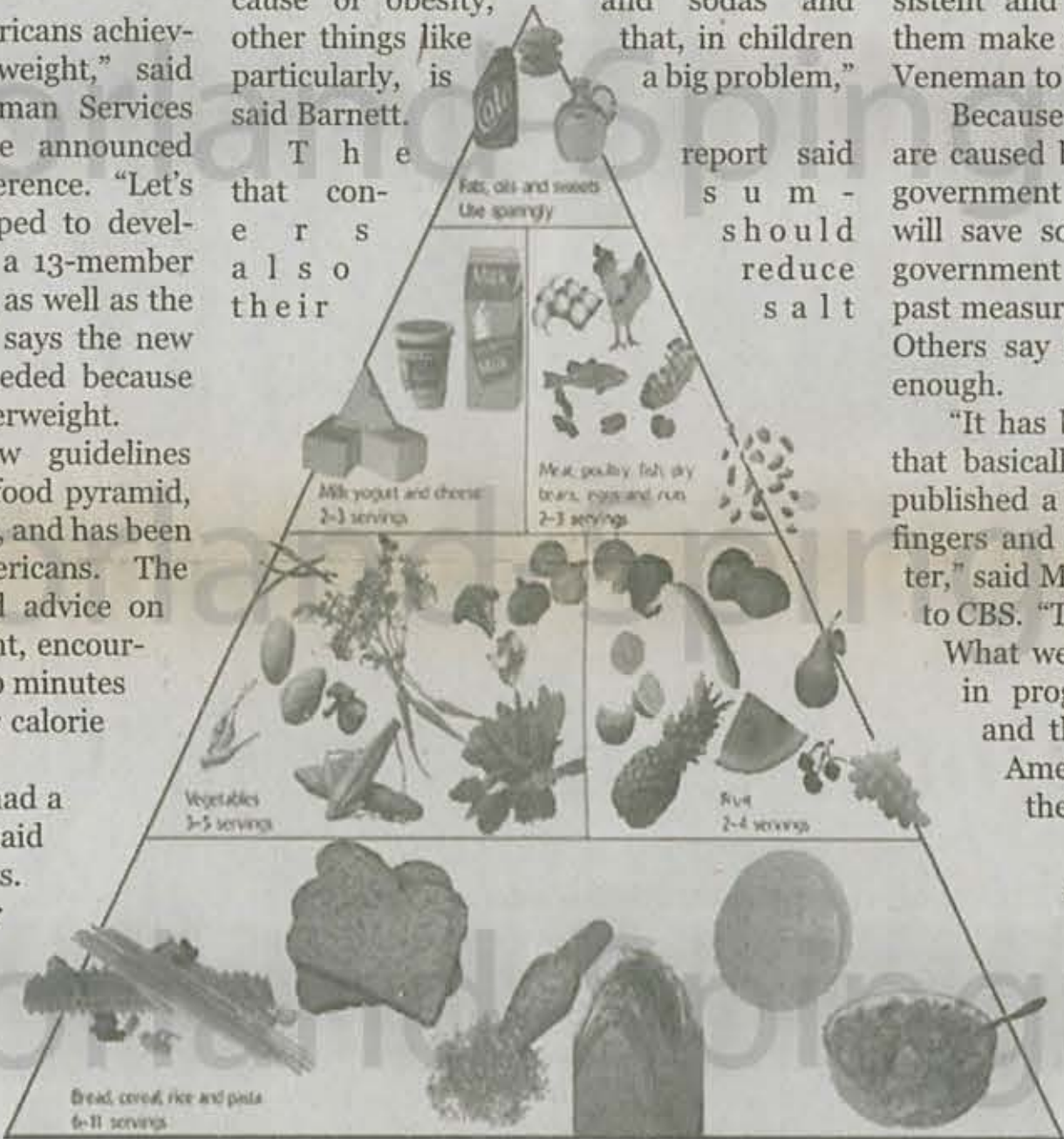
BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

The government issued new dietary guidelines earlier this month, asking more Americans to slash the number of calories they consume and stress more daily physical activity. Officials say the new guidelines are aimed at curving the epidemic of overweight people currently sweeping across the United States. "The guidelines offer Americans achievable goals for controlling weight," said secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson when he announced the guidelines at a press conference. "Let's start today." Thompson helped to develop the guidelines along with a 13-member panel of scientist and doctors, as well as the Agriculture Department. He says the new guidelines are desperately needed because two in three Americans are overweight. Thompson said the new guidelines would be used to update the food pyramid, which was created 12 years ago, and has been largely ignored by most Americans. The guidelines give more detailed advice on how Americans can lose weight, encouraging them to exercise 30 to 90 minutes a day and to cut back on their calorie intake. "In the past we have not had a lot of advice about portions," said Robert Barnett to CBS News. Barnett is the health editor for parenting magazine. "That is going to be stressed more in the dietary guidelines." The new rules also advocated people eat more whole grains, vegetables and fruit. According to the guidelines, eating more fruits

and grains as well as increasing physical activity, will reduce the risk of heart disease. "Eating fewer calories while increasing physical activity are the keys to controlling body weight," the guidelines said. The report suggests eating five to 13 servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Also mentioned in the guidelines was a warning against eating too much sugar. "Eating too much sugar is a significant cause of obesity, and sodas and other things like that, in children a big problem," said Barnett.

The report said that consumers should reduce their salt

intake and should drink alcohol only in moderation, one drink a day for women and two for men. Diet books, as well as tapes and other products geared toward weight loss are very popular. Ann Veneman, the Agriculture Secretary, said that popularity shows an interest in eating healthier foods. "Americans are interested in leading healthier lives, but they want credible, consistent and coherent information to help them make the best possible choices," said Veneman to CBS. Because so many deaths in America are caused by obesity related ailments, the government is hoping the new guidelines will save some lives. But many say the government is probably skeptical, because past measures have been so largely ignored. Others say the government has not done enough. "It has been a big problem in the past that basically, the federal government has published a booklet and then crossed their fingers and hoped that Americans ate better," said Margo Wootan, a nutrition expert to CBS. "That has clearly not been enough. What we need is significant investment in programs and changes in policy and the food environment that help Americans to eat better and watch their weight," Wootan said. For the first time, health guidelines also put a strong emphasis on exercise. The report suggested 30 minutes of moderate exercising every day. However for those who want to keep weight off and prevent future weight gain, the report suggests exercising for 60 to 90 minutes daily.



The government has proposed amendments to the well-known but seldom used food pyramid created in 1993.

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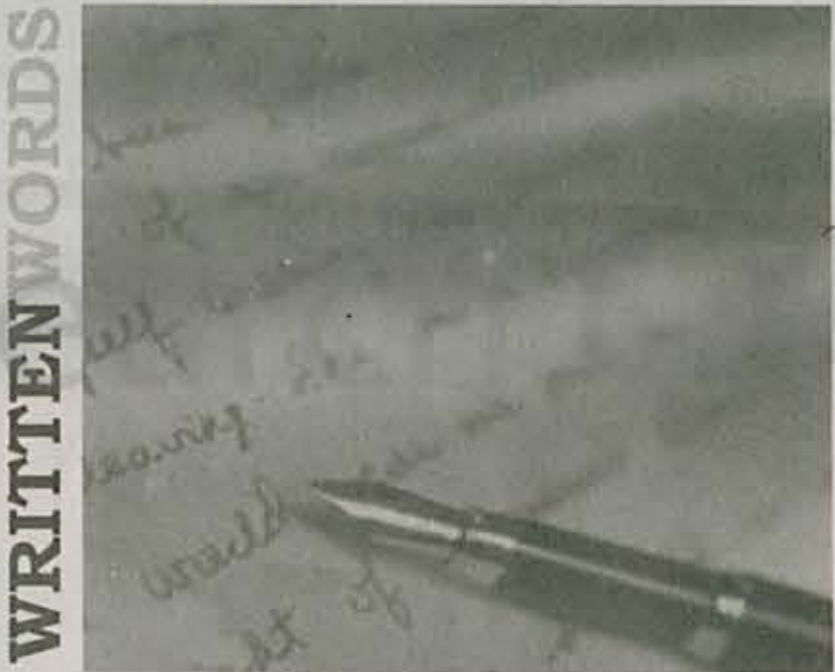
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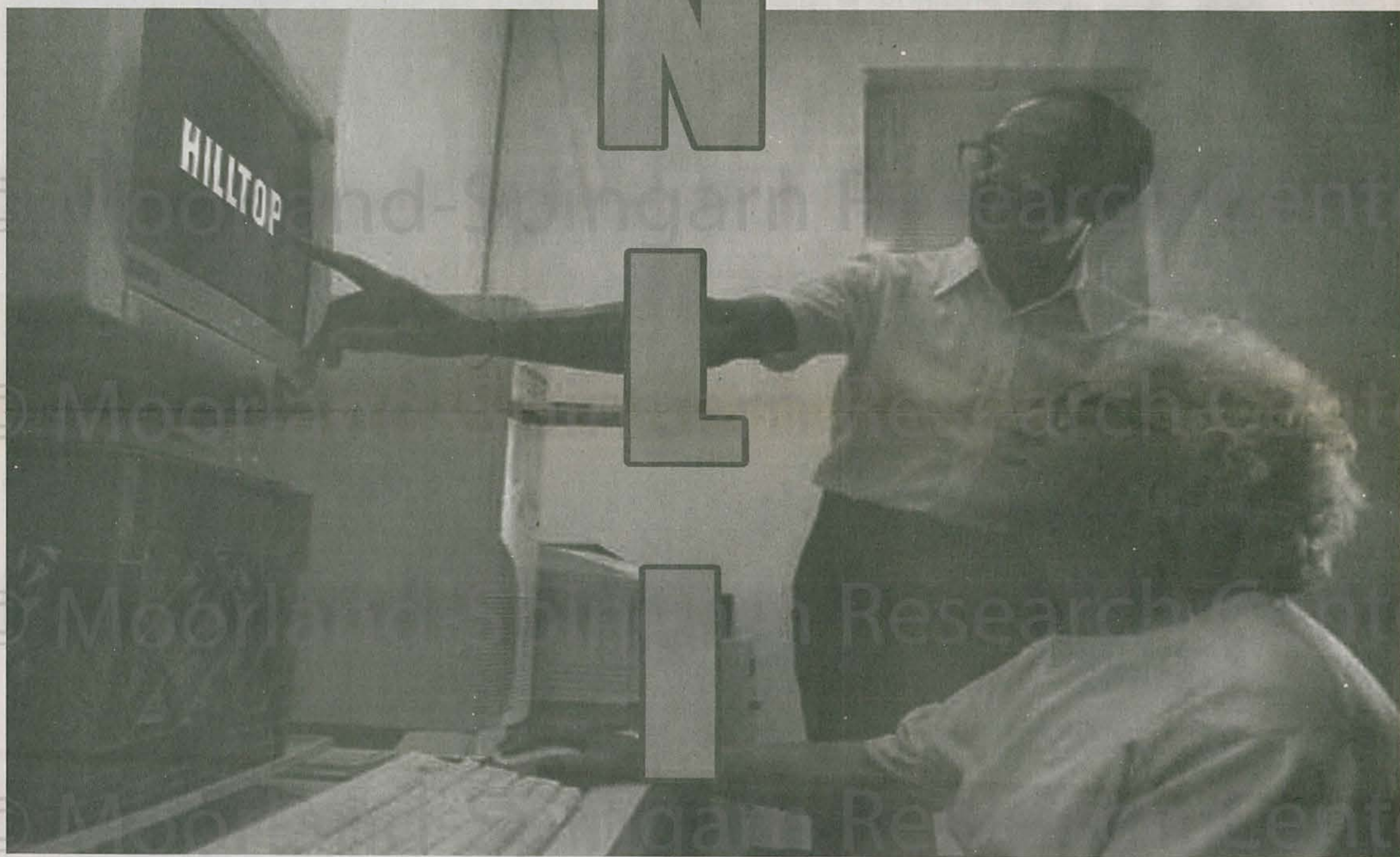
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Getting the Bigger Picture

Several years ago, the FDA approved the humatrope hormone to treat those diagnosed with short stature and height deficiency with no specific cause. The growth hormone, which is to be used for "curing shortness," has spiked in sales since the FDA approved it.

As soon as the topic was introduced, images of basketball and model legs surfaced in the minds of The Hilltop. We smirked and thought about how easy it would be to be a little taller and even appear leaner.

We imagined desperate housewives, average Joes and the shorter people who were picked on making a mad dash to the doctor to grab the pills. A pop of the pill and suddenly the road to being taller gets shorter. There is a pill for everything!

Every tiny and natural imperfection seems to result in a fast and costly product of scientists in lab coats. We have become so obsessive with being perfect that we often forget to love ourselves.

Self-esteem and self-image are touchy subjects for every-

one. None of us are immune to insecurity. Our hair texture, the chicken legs, the scar on our face or the morning look can cause frustration. We flip through Glamour and GQ magazines to see these airbrushed images of beauty and close the magazine feeling inadequate.

Sometimes we contemplate replacing the Butterfinger

with a rice cake or heading for Trimspa after seeing Halle Berry in a bathing suit. That's not fun for anyone, but it's the society we live in. America is full of the Hollywood mentality and we are all simply products of our environment. We are not judging anyone who has had a nip here, tuck there or breast implants, because we have all contemplated the what ifs.

However, we do feel that it's not a good thing for us, as human beings, to change our-

selves before we try to accept ourselves. After all, we are all wonderful and unique in our own ways.

Childhood torment, unhealthy relationships, abnormalities and deformations can strain our self-esteem. People who absolutely hate their appearance deserve a chance to make changes and feel beautiful and radiant in their own rights.

What we choose to do with ourselves is a personal and individual choice that should be exempted from ridicule. Shows like "The Swan" and "Extreme Makeover" often show the participants feeling whole and happy with their new look.

When you have a completely new face you admit to yourself that the old one wasn't good enough, but there is something sad about rejecting the true you.

We aren't passing judgment and several of us may even go on to take pills or have surgery in the future. We just feel we owe it to ourselves to try to love our imperfections before we give up on what we've been given.

Our View:

We can alter ourselves to feel more attractive, but the key is loving who we really are.

The Search for WMDs Ends

Bush ordered the invasion of Iraq and the search for weapons of mass destruction nearly two years ago, due to intelligence indicating Saddam was building them.

A frightened nation, still healing from the attacks, placed faith in this search and the vision of President Bush. We kept following the mission and hoped the weapons would be discovered so we could all sleep a little better.

After the capture of Saddam, the bloodshed and the hatred exchanged, we all started to get tired of the images and the low morale of our country. Many of us have been skeptics of the motives and the truth to this intense search all along, so the recent press release calling off the search provokes an array of emotions.

For all of the families of war victims and the country we tarnished, this decision, which wasn't even addressed in an

appropriate enough way, seems like a slap in the face. A recent article in *The Washington Post* carried the readers through the grieving of a father who lost his son overseas.

The pain and turmoil that resulted from his loss caused this man to literally lose his mind coming to grips with the

reality. He is not alone. We feel that the least Bush can do is admit to making a mistake and admit to being wrong. He sugarcoats every mistake he has made, blaming everything on someone or something else.

John Kerry said, "Mr. President, the American people deserve more than spin about this war. They deserve facts that represent reality, not carefully

polished arguments and points that are simply calculated to align with a preconceived conception." We're sure it would provide a sense of relief to those who have lost loved ones if he could just be man enough to apologize. The damage is already done but the pain will remain.

How convenient that the search is called off after military moms and patriotic citizens let Bush's plans influence their voting behavior.

Now that Bush is re-elected, he wants to wash his hands in time for his inaugural celebration with one less thing on his mind. He is immune to any repercussions as he eases into his second term, blaming the mix-up on faulty intelligence information.

He will go on to lead and live comfortably as Iraq sets up a democracy that he is comfortable with. The sad reality is that we've been had America.

Our View:

The lives, the turmoil, the time, the money...For what?

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We Keep Losing Our Black Media to Mainstream

Remember the days where you actually learned something from BET? It was worth it to wake up to see Teen Summit or Rap City with Joe Clair and Big Lex because the materials on the programs were geared toward you and your life.

You bopped your head (entirely too hard) to the Biggie videos with asymmetrical bobs and loud 90s colors. The videos and the shows represented you and what you wanted to see as a young African-American.

That same spirit and vision from back then could have been such a tool for the Black community if it had continued on the uplifting path.

Now, when we watch BET we are bombarded with images of scantily clad video girls, random films, "Uncut," "Hey Monie" and "College Hill." Many of us find the programming inadequate and insulting entertainment. We have to take a look back to remember when we were glued.

Times have changed and shows will too, but we have

to wonder what Viacom's role has been in the decline in quality. Ever since BET was sold to Viacom, BET has mirrored MTV programming. When you think about it, "106 and Park" is the Black "TRL." "How I'm Living" is the Black "Cribs." "College Hill" is a lame attempt at "The Real World."

something so important and potentially useful for the Black community?

Maybe cutting the check is more of incentive than making sure African-Americans control their image in the media. We live in a capitalistic, crab-in-a-barrel society that keeps the dollar signs in our eyes.

It isn't always strategic to continue holding on to a company when a person has the opportunity to get a large lump sum and begin another project. However, there is something to be said for having ownership. No amount of money can take away the power and dignity that comes with ownership.

The media needs more instrumental Black hands dictating what is and isn't appropriate, and simply calling the shots. We can only hope that TV One and other media geared toward us will keep our needs in mind.

Our View:

Black CEOs must maintain ownership so our media can help our community.

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Using Homeland Security Funds for Inauguration is No Reason for Alarm

VINCENT SHERRY

Using Homeland Security funds for inaugural safety is valid. The money could only have been expended for national security purposes anyway. Insuring presidential and onlooker safety at a public event that is one of national significance, especially since Washington's comparatively robust security budget already takes in account regional sensitivity spawned by its relations to the federal government. (That proximity also provides sufficient reason to believe

that, should an unlikely security shortfall occur, Washington need not worry.)

Additionally, since the funding is exclusive to security, The Hilltop would need to demonstrate Washington's harm by alleging insecurity relative to the rest of the nation directly as a result of it. (There is a reason why D.C. is better funded than Philadelphia or, Mississippi.)

Moreover, to assert that D.C. residents incur harm because they did not elect to have the inauguration here ignores that their security funds were not exactly raised solely through

their own taxes. Homeland Security expenditures come out of the national wallet, despite where they are ultimately appropriated. The choice assertion is further harmed because Washington is the president's formal home, replete with democratic emblems. No location would be as appropriate.

The Hilltop appears chagrined that any D.C. appropriation would be used indirectly to abet celebrating Bush's presidency. Therein, we are kindred spirits, but we must consider all presidents equal concerning issues like inauguration.



Check the Attitudes Howard

TARAH KESSE

Is there an epidemic of rudeness going around our campus? No one seems to have any regard or simple courtesy for anyone else lately. The dorms are a great example. Whose parents taught them that it's okay to run around yelling and screaming at 4 o'clock in the morning or blast loud obnoxious music until 7 a.m.? Everyone knows the dorms are full of people on different schedules, but no one wants to be woken up at 6 a.m. on a Sunday because someone else thought it would be funny to bang on people's doors and throw water on them. That's not only rude, it's just plain imma-

ture.

Also, I realize that Howard girls are known for their attitudes, but that doesn't mean they can't say a simple "Thank You" when the occasion calls for it. Like last week, when I was walking into Douglass Hall, a nice brother held the door for me and four other girls. I was the only one who said thank you! Come on people, it's called common courtesy.

And another thing, I know that Black people are known for being on their own time schedule, but there is no excuse for showing up an hour late for a class that's an hour and twenty minutes, only to sit in the front row and fall asleep. That's not

only rude to the teacher, it's rude to all the other students who got up and made it to class on time.

I bet if you look around, you'll see hundreds of examples like the ones I just mentioned. It's really getting to be a problem. How did we get to a point where people cut in front of each other and don't excuse themselves or just leave messes for other people to clean up? Our parents taught us better than that. I'm not asking people to be completely self-sacrificing in an attempt to put others above themselves. I'm just saying that it would be better for everyone if people thought a little more about others on this campus.

I've Found Joy in Your Article

SHEIKILYA THOMAS

I thoroughly enjoyed the letter written by Rahman L. Irvin, "I've Found The Joy Of Life." My hope is that his fellow classmates take the time to really ingest what it is he is saying. This time in their lives is unique and to be enjoyed.

After graduating college five years ago, I soon realized that although I hit all the parties and

clubs, pledged my sophomore year and hung out on the yard from time to time, I often missed the true joy in life. Maintaining a 3.9 in chemistry, landing all the big internships each summer, studying for the GRE and setting up a suitable post-graduate life literally controlled my thinking. So often, I missed the joy in the small things in life.

To this day, when I converse with my sorors and frats, they

still joke with me about how driven I was in undergrad. It's quite humorous, but also very true. Admittedly, I have no real regrets. The ambition that I had throughout undergrad and grad schools has placed me in a favorable position professionally. I only wish I had taken the time to relax and enjoy things in life then as I do now in my new role as wife, mother and researcher.

'PIECES OF YOU' Words of the week:

THE COLLEGE MINDED

By Bryan I. White

Semester just started and my head is spinning.

Time is fleeing...I just unpacked my bags.

Slow down!

No time to chill- I have some papers to write, Some books to crack open,

Some early morning noodles to down

In order to keep me up. To keep me going.

Six classes...16 credits...

My beauty sleep ran out at commencement

When I graduated from high school!

College-minded.

I manage about four or five good hours of rest per night.

Monday thru Saturday lost to me, schoolwork consumed.

I manage to volunteer here and go shopping there and

then it's back to the grind.

College-minded.

Sunday is a blessing- I keep spiritual and grab hold of some

Word. My rest day... and then it's back to the grind. College-minded.

I want to be the best so I must work like the best.

That person is looking very attractive over there but I must focus on

My studies. No time for a two-week relationship or fling.

There are some parties poppin' off tonight in the dorm -

But, oh discipline, I have a math test in the morning! Can't go.

Time, what's really going on?

Just stepped on campus and two months have elapsed!

Haven't called home in a minute... I'll give my mom a buzz.

"You're kidding!"

Mom bought a new car, missed my nephew's first steps!

One of my high school teachers got married, the ceremony "beautiful."

Missing a lot back home and missing home, but I'm here to accomplish a goal.

College-minded.

Lord, I'm exhausted in the A.M.s of college life. Don't think I'm going to survive my first semester. Too many adjustments. Assignments coming too fast!

Help me Lord not to lose it. I can do all things in You.

"You're kidding? Is that my transcript?"

I earned a 4.0 my first semester. Man...

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-Fawn Renee

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-Chris W.

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Matthew 4:18-19

Words from the EIC....

This week was very excellent. All of our new staff is stepping up and working very hard. We all need to take some cod live oil and Robitussin to keep away the colds. I am not trying to get sick.

Shout Outs

Patrick-Very, VERY good pictures this week. Don't worry we will get your name right.
Christina, Lauren and Ayesha-Way to step up campus! I am really impressed.
Amina-The computers are much faster now.
Poet, Arion-Y'all need to be out of school more often, excellent issues.
Erica-Get better soon.
Kevin-You are my go-to-guy. Thank you for coming through in some tight crunches. I really appreciate it.

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